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## Socceroo bonanza

### Top-class games, European tours

By PETER SCOTT

The Socceroos will play a minimum eight full internationals a season, tour Europe every second year and invite the European or South American champion to visit.

The Australian Soccer Federation has agreed to these conditions set by Frank Arok for his reappointment to the national coaching position on Friday.

So says Hungarian sports daily "Nepsport" in an interview with Arok, although we had been led to believe negotiations between the ASF and Arok were far from over.

It's certainly good news if it's all true. We'll know at the weekend. Maybe, just maybe, the ASF is about to take the plunge and get politics out of Socceroo affairs.

The pointer to this rosy prospect is to be seen in Arok's pending appointment as the ASF's coaching and managerial supreme, in full charge of policy directions and personnel appointments of all our national squads, right down to under-16 level.

Of course, on numerous previous occasions people — and good people at that — were put in charge only to realise soon enough that power was firmly entrenched in Sir Arthur George's office. But I am optimistic for the future, and for one very good reason. Knowing Arok, I believe that while he is enough of a diplomat to get on with anyone if need be, he is too smart a bloke to sign on the dotted line without being assured of full powers.

Perhaps when Arok does take over he may come up with a solution to the growing haemorrhaging of our Socceroo talent to overseas clubs.

No-one can begrudge our guys taking contracts with clubs such as Eintracht Frankfurt. But the time has arrived to do something when Oscar Crino can find a four-month stint in Cyprus, of all places, more enticing than playing in our NSL.

While happy with our team's marvellous World Cup effort, Arok still has regrets, and it is a familiar one, according to his interview with "Nepsport".

"If it was up to me we would have played the Scots during the afternoon in Brisbane or Sydney, so they would have to face beat stroke. But, instead, it was put on at night in Melbourne. In spite of rough luck with the refereeing in Glasgow, we could have had a chance at home if our administrators had acted more cleverly," he said.

Hopefully, such decisions will be left in Arok's hands in future.



England captain Bryan Robson (right) with Steve Tasios. Robson ribbed Tasios about Australia's abysmal cricket form.

### Iraklis wants Steve Tasios

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Steve Tasios, who's been rubbing shoulders with Bryan Robson, Vasili Hatzipanagis, Jesper Olsen and Mark Hughes, may be the next Australian to join an overseas club.

Hot on the heels of Jim Patikas's transfer to AEK Athens and Oscar Crino's move to Anorthosis of Cyprus, comes the news that Iraklis is interested in Tasios.

The Heidelberg forward or midfielder returned last week after training for two months with Manchester United, Leicester City and Iraklis.

He played in a practice match which Iraklis won 5-0, and afterwards the coaches sounded him out about a move to Greece.

"My ambition is to play as a full-time professional. There's now the chance that Iraklis will fly me to Greece again, all expenses paid, to have a closer look at me," Tasios said.

He was in England at the time of the Australia-Scotland World Cup clashes and, being an Australian, he had to endure a lot of good-natured ribbing when the Socceroos failed.

They called him "Coolie," an abbreviation of Coolangatta, where the Manchester United players went surfing during their 1984 visit.

Bryan Robson, the England captain, delighted in laughing over Australian cricket.

And many at Manchester United picked up on the newspapers' description of the Socceroos — particularly Steve O'Connor and David Ratcliffe — as "rugby players."

Tasios's stint in England was arranged for him by Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey who knows United's assistant manager, Mick Brown, and Leicester's second-in-charge, Gerry Summers.

He had five weeks with United, staying at digs 100 metres from the training ground, along with left back Clayton Blackmore, and one week with Leicester before going to Greece. About United boss Ron Atkinson, Tasios says: "He's not a bad guy, but a bit gruff. He drives this huge Mercedes and wears their high fashion track suits."

Tasios trained mainly with the reserves and youth team, and twice with the seniors.

"All the players encouraged me, and joked around with me," he said. "It was a great experience."

"The pace of the game is much faster and the players' skill and technique are better than here."

"I tried to work on my defensive qualities, which aren't all that good, and on playing first-time, and dribbling only in the right areas of the field."

The Manchester United players all spoke about Alan Davidson, because he had made his Nottingham Forest debut in a 3-2 victory over United.

The Leicester City players all remembered Victor Cristaldo who played there in the youth team and who's now with Melbourne Croatia.

He saw none of the crowd violence which has marred soccer in Britain over recent years, but during a match between United and Liverpool at Anfield, he decided that discretion

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### Vicente Estavillo is up for grabs

Sydney Olympic transfer-listed Vicente Estavillo (pictured) last weekend, a handful of weeks after signing the midfield maestro from Auburn Uruguay.

"I hope he will be a happier man at another club," said Olympic president Tom Doumanis after Estavillo failed to turn up for Olympic's Ampol Cup clash with Canterbury.

Estavillo was unhappy about Olympic's inability to meet the January 31 deadline for the payment of one third of his signing-on fee. According to Doumanis, Estavillo was told that the money would be paid a week later but walked out on the club.

Under NSL rules, Estavillo will be able to transfer to another NSL club. He's a former Uruguay international and starred with Penarol and Panathinaikos in a distinguished career.

Olympic has given Estavillo a free transfer.

— ALEX VESIC.

### State champs back in Cup

State League champions will join the 24 NSL clubs in contesting the National Cup for the first time since 1981, when the now defunct Hakoah (Vic) reached the quarter-finals.

The draw for the first round will be made late this week or early next week.

The first round will be played on a regional basis. The State league representatives are:

Victoria: Croydon City.  
NSW: Melita Eagles (grand-final winner, taking the place of Canterbury which has been promoted to the NSL).

South Australia: Salisbury United.  
Queensland: Ipswich United.  
Northern NSW: Belmont Swansea.  
A.C.T.: West Woden Juventus.  
Tasmania: Juventus Pioneer.  
Western Australia: West Perth Macedonia.

### \$1½ mil debt

The Australian Soccer Federation Marketing company, which promoted major international tournaments in Australia in 1984 and 1985, is over half a million dollars in debt.

ASFM has realisable assets of \$7,005, trade creditors of \$545,815 and substantial sums owing to tournament organisers, a situation bound to send shudders down the spine of prospective promoters of Australian soccer.

Nelson Wheeler, chartered accountants, has sent a proposal of payment to ASFM creditors, which reads, in part:

"The directors of ASFM have dissected trade creditors into two categories — (a) Small sundry creditors totalling \$26,998; (b) External trade creditors totalling \$518,817.

Small sundry creditors are to be paid in full once all external trade creditors agree to their proposed repayment in three instalments, the first due 21 days after agreeing, in writing, to the proposal, the second due and payable by December 31, 1986 and the third due and payable by December 31, 1987.



Kaz Kulak — NSW top-liner directs training in Melbourne. See page 5.



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# CALLING ALL REFS — LIFT YOUR GAME!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

What are referees doing about livening up the game? We all agree that soccer needs to be more entertaining, that our defensive attitudes need to be done away with, that more goals are needed to please the fans.

Referees can help in two vital areas.

First, they must start to apply logic in offside decisions. Secondly, they should encourage the quick free kick.

In both areas, we have seen cause for concern in Buffalo Cup matches. No doubt the same is true of Ampol Cups being played in Sydney and Adelaide.

The rules make it clear that offside decisions need not be given when players offside are not interfering with play.

It is a proviso that means a referee need not award offside simply because a linesman has his flag up.

Yet in so many cases, the raised flag is treated by the referee as absolute, irrefutable gospel.

A goal scored from the right, while a player is offside on the far left, should not be ruled offside. A 30-metre shot that lands in the net should not be disallowed simply because someone is standing in an offside position, well away from the goalkeeper.

A cut-back from the bye-line which is smashed in from a deep position while the person who cut it back is caught offside, should not be disallowed either, yet it happened to Makedonia.

Then we have the free kick situation. If a team is awarded a free kick, it means that team has been unfairly treated by the opposition.

The free kick is intended to right the wrong, and the team that gets the free kick is supposed to get an advantage from it.

The advantage is gained by playing it quickly, while opponents are out of position, and if the referee demands that the kicker waits until the referee is ready, any advantage is lost.

It is up to the referee to make sure he is ready at all times. It is not fair to penalise the team that already has been the victim of unfair play.

# Schaefer sidesteps Olympic rumors

Manfred Schaefer is about to begin his third season with Sydney Olympic. If that's not a world record, at least it's an Olympic record.

The club which in the past — as Olympic and as Pan Hellenic, their thinly veiled progenitors — was notorious for its coaching instability now regards Schaefer as household furniture. Below the surface, the traditional Greek volcanic forces are dormant. Nobody would ever even blink if one day again they surged to the fore.

But not now and not yet; Manfred Schaefer, once the iron man of Australian soccer, the celebrated milko star, the man who looks more broadshouldered stripped than those Chicago Bears giants with their paddings, is firmly in charge of the team.

True, the club itself is in some sort of a ferment: the clubhouse at Waterloo has folded up, after some losing years. Olympic is now looking for new premises in the Marrickville area which is as Greek as Rhodes or Saloniki.

The loss of the clubhouse has added fuel to the perennial rumors about Olympic's bizarre debts. People in the know talk about \$500,000 to \$800,000 and efforts to have the loans refinanced, a la Mexico. Some 'well informed' rumor-mongers have been spreading the 'news' that Olympic may not even start in the NSL or, if it does, it may shed its name, like snakes shed their skin and continue under a new one.

Manfred Schaefer laughs at these suggestions. He knows the club has financial problems ('tell me one which hasn't') but he swears that he himself as well as all the players have been getting all their wages and fees without any problem. And some of these wages, they say, aren't peanuts.

Manfred is more concerned with team preparation than with club politicking. He is, in fact, quite excited about the team's prospects and hopes to keep the club near the top.

Four newcomers will add great strength to the Olympic squad. Manfred expects big things from ex-Heldelberg striker Stuart Stevenson, a Scot who was also strongly in the viewfinder of Blacktown and St George.

Blacktown later got Robbie Slater and the Saints have gained John McKie. Olympic's deal appears to be the most lucrative.

Richard Bourke, 24, a midfielder, was on Everton's books but also spent time with the Washington Diplomats in the now defunct NASL. And the other new chum is striker Simon Brandt from Newcastle. "With a nice German name like that, I couldn't resist," Schaefer jokes.

The debit side is also impressive. Olympic has lost Graham Jennings, the classy Soccerroo fullback, who wants to join Croatia. Young striker Mark Koussas has gone to APIA.

"I told Mark honestly that I cannot guarantee him a first team spot," says Schaefer. "After eight faithful and largely successful years Mark deserves this. He is a splendid young man who could easily prove me wrong in his new surroundings."

Terry Patalis, the long-striding winger is "still somewhere in Europe," says Schaefer. "I haven't heard from him for some time, only through his father. This isn't the first time he goes on a European walkabout around Christmas. I think he is in Cyprus or maybe in Greece."

Peter Katholos is a different story, really. He bought out his own contract when he went to Greece and joined Larissa. So if he ever returns to Australia, he will come as a free player, eligible to sell himself anywhere he likes.

"From what I hear, Peter has only played one first team game since September," says Schaefer. "And that was in a European cup game against Sampdoria. I don't know why he can't make the first team regularly there — but obviously it's not as easy as we often think."

Schaefer is beaming with delight when he mentions that his two reliable defenders, Mick Coady and Martyn Rogers, are due back soon. Coady is waiting only for his visitor's visa while Rogers is selling up his house there. Both have been playing during their British sojourn — Coady with Wolverhampton, Rogers with Nottingham Forest.

And finally, the ace of the pack, the star of the show, the one and only and incomparable Marshall Soper, eternal enfant terrible of Australian soccer.

Schaefer says Marshall is no longer either 'enfant' or 'terrible'. "He is absolutely determined to fight his way back into the Soccerroo team. Last year, for a variety of reasons, Soper threw away his Soccerroo shirt. He now wants it back and I think he will make it. Frank Arok is not as unbending any more as he used to be — and that's nice. Nobody can doubt that Soper is good enough to play for the Soccerroos."



Andrew Dettre



Manfred Schaefer

## Koussas joins APIA

APIA Leichhardt last week completed the signing of striker Mark Koussas from Sydney Olympic.

Koussas, leading scorer in the 1981 World Youth Championship finals, was transferred to APIA for just \$1500.

There's still no news yet on the names of the top flight European stars negotiating with APIA coach Rale Rasic but we'll keep you posted.



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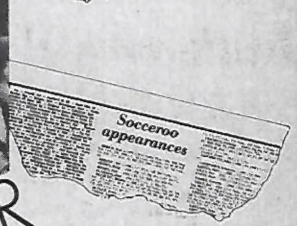
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# Yugoslav S.O.C.

By  
LAURIE  
SCHWAB

**Zdravko Lujic** this week appealed to the Yugoslav community — especially prominent businessmen — to get behind Footscray J.U.S.T.

"It is our last chance to have a big Yugoslav club in Australia," the J.U.S.T. winger said.

"If we go down now, it will be very hard to come up again. It will be the same as what happened to Yugal in Sydney."

"Our president, Tony Amon, is working hard and giving everything for the club but there are not enough people to help. Everyone from the Yugoslav community must help, or we will be in trouble. What we need is young people to get involved."

"We have a big tradition at J.U.S.T. We have had some of Australia's best players — Stankovic, Micic, Mladenovic, Buljevic, Adamovic, Rasic, Zoraja. We have won many championships and Cups. J.U.S.T. deserves the support of the Yugoslav community."

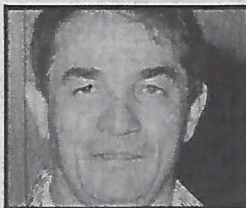
"We are waiting for our new coach, Drago Sekularac, to arrive from Yugoslavia, and he has signed up three players. I am sure we will be OK. I am sure he can make a good team, but we need five players altogether. And we need support."

Lujic was speaking from the heart. The 31-year-old former Novi Sad player is in his ninth season with J.U.S.T., making him one of the club's longest-serving players, along with Branko Buljevic, Tommy Stankovic and Frank Micic.

He has been caretaker player-coach pending Sekularac's arrival, and in J.U.S.T.'s first Buffalo Cup game, he lost goalkeeper Mark Turudja who was sent off for kicking Shaun Parton of George Cross. In addition, midfielder Ariel Perez-Reigosa was injured.

"If Seki (Sekularac) saw this team, he would have gone straight back to Yugoslavia," Lujic said.

"Midfield is the biggest problem for



● Drago Sekularac



● J.U.S.T. recruit Zoran Nikitovic (standing, right), with Partizan Belgrade in 1979, from left, standing: Stojkovic, Zalad, Djurovic, Lazicic, Kozic, Kunovac, Nikitovic. Front: Klincarski, Varga, Todorovic, Santrac, Prekazi.

the club. No one can create chances. Osele Latif was waiting for the ball, Bill Lazopoulos was waiting for the ball. But no one could get it up there."

"Ernie Tapai is a very good player but not a creator. He is a good dribbler, he can run for three days and he has a big future, but we need someone for the smart, cheeky ball, like Oscar Crino, or like Luka Bonacic."

He also expects the new players to make major contributions. They are goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic, from Napredak, formerly with Partizan Belgrade; centre back Vojislav Vukcevic from Buducnost and striker Milos Stolic from Red Star Belgrade.

## Community must help J.U.S.T. says Lujic

Colombia and had charge of the Guatemala national team for last year's World Cup campaign.

While waiting for him, J.U.S.T. has had a procession of players passing through at training. They have included Danny Ward from Melbourne-Hungaria, Steve Douglas from Albion Turk Gucu and former J.U.S.T. player Joe Picioane, also with Albion now.

Lujic, looking back over eight seasons, names the following 11 as the best who have played for J.U.S.T. over the period: Dennis Boland — Kyri Kyriakoules, Jim Kralis, Jim Kondarios, Igor Hazabent — Joe Picioane, Garry McDowall, Mirko Rujevic, Zoran Ileski — Joe Palinkas, Mendo Ristovski.

And he names Cedo Cirkovic as the best coach. "He worked hard and he worked properly," Lujic says. "Cira's mistake was that he always tried to save the club money by getting cheap players, or building up young ones. But clubs do not wait for results. They like a coach more if he spends \$200,000 on players straight away."

Lujic expects South Melbourne Hellas to be the top team of 1986. "Croatia and Alexander will be good too. Alexander is looking good. Brian Garvey works very hard with them. They lose players but they are still good. Hellas will be No.1. They played better than Croatia even though they lost 2-1. Hellas played beautiful soccer, like Everton, and Carl Halford was brilliant. If I was national coach, I would give Halford a chance."

Talking about matters concerning the national team, Lujic was in Rudi Gutendorf's national squad, but had only one training match — against the national youth team, at the SCG.

"Only a stupid rule about having to play against Scotland, has kept Australia out of the World Cup," he says. "Arok must now change his team a bit and give a chance to other players, younger ones, like Tapai and Halford."

Maybe Soper will come back, and Arnold may be will play. If we had Soper or Arnold against Scotland, instead of Kosmina, maybe we would have won." Looking to the World Cup finals in June, Lujic expects West Germany, Brazil, Argentina and the USSR to be the leading contenders, with Mexico also given a chance.

"I don't think France will do much in such a tournament and I don't think Italy will, either."



● Zdravko Lujic — ninth season at J.U.S.T.

# Jennings could go back to Olympic

As we went to press, Sydney Croatia was deciding whether or not to pay the \$30,000 fee placed on the head of Sydney Olympic and Socceroo star Graham Jennings last week by the appeal board.

"I wouldn't blame Croatia if they decided not to pay \$30,000 for me, after all, I'm a defender. If the worst comes to the worst I could find myself back with Olympic," said Jennings.

"I thought that I had good arguments to present to the appeal board and I thought I clearly justified the payments I received from Olympic but the board must have thought otherwise. I wonder where all of this will stop? If a defender has his price set at \$30,000 then strikers will soon be priced at \$40,000 and \$50,000."

Jennings has been with Olympic for seven seasons. He was bought from a Newcastle-based team for \$1,000 and has made 43 Socceroo appearances.



● Garry McDowall of SM-Hellas heads clear in front of Gerry Bennett of George Cross. At rear are Roger Bain (left) and Charlie Egan (right).

Australia may lose Garry McDowall unless the immigration authorities change their attitude.

And if McDowall is forced to return to Scotland, the Socceros will be deprived of a true champion.

McDowall played for Australia B against China last year, but the Immigration Department has rejected his application for permanent residency.

He remains on a soccer visa which has to be extended every year.

"After four years, they kick you out. I'll have been here for three years in June," the South Melbourne Hellas star said this week.

He has appealed against the Immigration Department ruling, and has the support of the Australian Soccer Federation and national coach Frank Arok who wants him for the Socceroo squad.

"Arok said he was looking for players who can play various positions," McDowall, 26, said.

"If John Yzendoorn had stayed at Hellas this year, I would have been playing central midfield rather than sweeper. John Margaritis told me I wouldn't be stuck on the right anymore, and that he'd be looking for goals from me."

"I wasn't happy last year on the right flank because I couldn't get involved in the

## ASF, Arok fight for Hellas star

game there. I thought I had a bad season. I'd come off the field and wonder what I'd contributed."

"It was the same for Alan Davidson when he played there under Len McKendry. After watching Alan the first time, I couldn't understand what everyone had been raving about. He looked very ordinary, but it was a position that didn't suit him at all. John Margaritis lets players switch around a lot more."

"Carl Halford, who's gone to the right side, is much better suited there. His performance against Croatia in the Buffalo Cup was the best I've seen from him."

But back to the national team.

"Obviously, Frank Arok will be making a few changes because people are getting older and retiring," he said. "I'd play in goal if he wanted me to. The atmosphere is tremendous."

The set-up is professional."

He has high hopes for his Melbourne team-mates in the national B team — Richard Miranda, Mike Petersen, Paul Wade and Sean Lane. "They'll continue to try to prove themselves. The main thing is to be there, because it's harder to get out of the national squad than it is to get in."

McDowall played for Hamilton Academicals in Scotland for eight years, three of them as captain, before coming to Australia to join Footscray JUST from where he transferred to Hellas.

But despite his fine form, he never was in the running for the Scottish national squad. "It's a closed shop over there," he says. "Only Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen or Dundee United players get into the Scotland side. Others get in only after moving to England — like Frank McAvennie or Mo Johnston."

He can succeed here where he failed internationally in Scotland but meanwhile, McDowall concentrates on winning everything there is to be won with Hellas.

"We'll be there at the end of the season," he says. "The dangers will be Croatia and Juventus. Macedonia should be there as well, but we'll be the strongest."

It puzzles McDowall that Hellas does not have a better record of producing home-grown players. Of the present 11, only Angie Postecopou is a former Hellas junior, although there are others, like John Kanesoulis and Peter Vardaxis, on the bench.

"Kids here don't seem to be hungry enough to win, to succeed, to strive for the national team. They're too well off. They come along in their big cars and they earn good money. In Europe you try to succeed at soccer in order to make a bit of money."

"I admire John Kanesoulis for his attitude. He's always on the bench, but he's a determined little bugger. He keeps telling me he'll be the captain of Hellas one day."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Jankovics trying to join Demons

Mark Jankovics and Marconi ended a seven-year relationship last week on a sour note when the club's longest serving player and greatest ever goalscorer was forced to appeal against the \$27,500 transfer fee thwarting his bid to join Blacktown.

Jankovics was tempted by Blacktown's offer of a two-year contract. The 29-year-old former Socceroo was offered a one-year contract by Marconi.

"In many ways, Marconi bent over backwards to come to terms with me and the club has been very, very good to me over the years but at this stage of my career I needed the added security of a two-year contract," said Jankovics.

"I'm looking to the future. In some ways though I'm disappointed with Marconi for I feel a player is at his peak between the ages of 28 and 32. Marconi felt otherwise and I'm not prepared to mess around."

"I've been Marconi's top scorer every season since joining from St George for \$12,000. I scored 16 goals last year in just 20 games and I've proved myself as a consistent scorer."

"I hope that the appeal board will look on my situation favorably. After seven years of service to Marconi and at the age of 29, a figure of around about \$12,000 what Marconi paid for me, would be pretty reasonable."



● Mark Jankovics (right) tangles with former Footscray J.U.S.T. star Mirko Rujevic.

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● South Australia's Neville Flounders tackles Korean Kim Jeong Site in Calcutta.



● Charley Villani (centre) is beaten to the ball by East Bengal skipper Turan Dey. Pictures: JOE JANKO

# Indian TV audience sees Sth Australian triumph

South Australia's great performances in winning the DCM tournament in India in the off-season should ensure that the State has an exciting 1986 season.

Having been in the doldrums for several seasons and unable to find opponents for its State team, the SA Soccer Federation decided to travel overseas to find competition.

After negotiations to tour Japan and Malaysia fell through, the chance came to go to India to compete in the leading end-of-season DCM Tournament.

On their way to the final, the South Australians ousted two local Indian sides, the Korean holder of the President's

Cup, the champion of China and finally the Indian league champion and Cup holder.

SA was keenly followed by the local public, becoming one of the most popular overseas sides to visit that country. Their style of play appealed to the spectators and their general friendly nature brought acclaim wherever they travelled.

The squad, selected by SA State coach Mike Wells, was a blend of experience and youth and showed an interesting mix of National League and State League players.

Eleven of the squad were playing overseas for the first time and part of the idea was to give experience to players of national team potential.

Richard Preston of Beograd scored a hat-trick, the first by an SA player in a State game.

Evergreen Bugsy Nyskohus led the side in fine style, making him one of the finest players in Australia today.

However, SA's success did not rest as much on individual performances as on a solid squad effort.

The DCM All-India Tournament has been in existence since 1945.

In 1969 the organising committee decided to permit overseas teams to participate by invitation.

Since then the trophy has travelled to North and South Korea, Iran, and the U.S.S.R.

Four times sides from Western Australia have participated and in 1984 its State side was runner-up.

Being SA's first visit overseas, it was certainly a wonderful effort to bring back the magnificent DCM trophy.

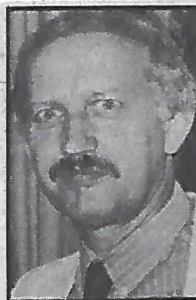
The competition kicked off at the Dr Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi on November 28, with 32 Indian clubs vying for eight places in the quarter-finals.

SA, along with sides from South Korea and China, plus three leading Indian sides, were automatically seeded into the quarter-finals which started on December 13.

Arriving in India on December 14 after an exhausting 24-hour flight, SA played its first game just two days later against PSEB.

India had experienced unprecedented rain for December and the match was played in extremely muddy conditions.

Taking the early initiative SA was two goals up inside seven minutes. The local side pulled a goal back inside two minutes of the second half but Preston, a second half substitute, put the result beyond



● Mike Wells

## SA scores in India

SA's results in the DCM Tournament in Calcutta:

vs PSEB December 16, won 3-1 (2-0)

McNally, Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Hiern, Mella, Welsh, Santrac (Manou), Kiern (Preston), Villani, Maxwell.

Goalscorers: Villani, Maxwell, Preston.

vs Aryans Club (Calcutta) December 18, won 4-0 (3-0)

Parks, Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Hiern, Mella, Manou, Preston, Kiern, Villani (Dooley), Maxwell (Santrac).

Goalscorers: Preston 3, Villani.

vs Bank of Seoul (S. Korea) December 22, drew 1-1 (0-1)

McNally, Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Hiern, Mella (Santrac), Dooley, Preston, Kiern (Manou), Villani, Maxwell.

Goalscorer: Santrac.

Semi-final - vs Liaoning (China) December 24, won 1-0 (0-0)

McNally, Shillabeer, Flounders, Manou, Nyskohus, Hiern, Preston (Kiern), Welsh, Santrac, Villani (Dooley), Maxwell.

Goalscorer: Manou.

Final - vs East Bengal (Calcutta) December 27, won 5-4 after extra time

McNally, Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Hiern, Dooley, Preston (Kiern), Welsh, Santrac, Villani (Dooley), Maxwell.

Goalscorers: Kiern, Nyskohus, Hiern, Flounders, Preston.

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doubt. The second game, two days later, was played under slightly improved conditions against the Aryans Club from Calcutta.

After going three goals up inside the first half an hour through Maxwell and Preston, SA twice relaxed its grip until Preston completed his hat-trick in the second half.

South Korea's champion, the Bank of Seoul, looked the most impressive side in the minor rounds, despite being behind SA on goal difference.

Draw was enough for SA to qualify, but there were some quick heartbeats among members of the party as the Koreans went ahead in 20th min.

SA suffered a major setback when Serge Mella broke his forearm inside five mins but the extent of his injury was not detected until half time. The sheer guts and determination of this player was an outstanding example to all. Indeed, it was his replacement Adrian Santrac who then became the hero of the day when his blistering free kick from outside the penalty area found the far corner of the net in the 83rd min.

In the semi-final, on Christmas Eve, SA was pitted against the 1984 winner, Liaoning from China.

As national champion with some 15 competitive matches under its belt before arrival in India, Liaoning entered the game as favorite.

With 13 mins remaining, Maxwell, heading for goal, was felled by keeper Xu Tao in the box, but as almost everyone awaited the referee's whistle for a penalty, Chris Manou followed up to put the ball in the net.

The final against East Bengal was played on December 27 before a full house of 25,000. The game was screened live on television throughout India and such was the interest generated that the game drew greater press coverage than the second cricket test match between India and Australia.

The Calcutta side was strengthened by the return of three international players, who brought its national team commitment up to nine players.

A formidable and popular side in India, East Bengal was national champion and Federation Cup holder and had been narrowly defeated by CA Pundrol from Uruguay in the semi-final if the IFA Shield in a penalty shoot-out.

Early on, SA might well have been three goals up, but having let East Bengal off the hook, the Indian side gained confidence.

As the game entered extra time, SA gained the upper hand and despite mounting constant attacks, the vital goal eluded them.

It then needed a penalty shoot-out to decide the outright champion.

All credit to the SA lads who had to play five games in twelve days while Liaoning and East Bengal played one game less in the minor rounds to qualify.

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## Robbie Dunn defiant

West Adelaide Hellas offered Preston Makedonia \$15,000 last week for Socceroo defender Robbie Dunn yet the latest from the Makedonia camp is that Dunn's services are required and he's not for sale.

Makedonia's stance is a last-ditch attempt to retain its star player but it won't work, according to Dunn.

"My wife leaves next week to start work in Adelaide and I'll be leaving in about a fortnight to start my new job there. If this thing drags on I'll simply keep working and living in Adelaide until it's resolved," he said.

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## McGachey waits, Rankin goes

By ALLAN CRISP

The secret is out. Crystal Palace striker Kevin Mabbutt and Scottish forward Willie Irving are two of the players West Adelaide Hellas coach Neil McGachey negotiated for while he was overseas late last year.

But, while admitting that he had spoken to the pair McGachey has said that they are not the two he wants to sign this season.

McGachey said Hellas still was waiting for approval from the Department of Immigration to import the players he chose while he was in the UK.

Meanwhile, Adelaide Hellas has secured a transfer for former Glasgow Celtic player Brian McLaughlin.

The experienced midfielder or striker impressed McGachey when he played in a trial against South Melbourne Hellas earlier this month.

With Charlie Yankos clinched from Heidelberg and negotiations proceeding for Robbie Dunn, Adelaide Hellas is striving to secure its

Because of lack of finance, Adelaide City Juventus is unlikely to compete with Hellas's player-buying spree.

Any overseas import or super guest would have to be by courtesy of one of Juventus's sponsors — a prospect not dismissed by new coach Zoran Matijevic.

With Neville Flounders and Willie McNally now signed after lengthy negotiations, Juventus has retained most of its 1985 squad.

Speedy striker Peter Rankin, now training with Adelaide Croatia, is a notable exception.

When Rankin failed to agree on terms with Juventus he was approached by Croatia, Beograd, Cumberland and Campbelltown City.

Campbelltown suggested a swap deal involving goalkeeper Lou Pivetta, but Rankin is keen to renew his association with former SA Youth team coach, now Croatia boss, Peter Jaksa.

Rankin was leading scorer for the title-winning SA team in Canberra in 1981.

Juventus signed Paul Wilde, another member of that SA Youth squad, but the Azzurri striker will miss the Ampol series after damag-



● Andy Higgins (right), pursued by Ian Dobson of Makedonia.

## Move aside or get hurt — Higgins

Frank McGrellis — target of both South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg — would be a big hit in the NSL, according to Heidelberg recruit Andy Higgins who played against McGrellis in South Africa.

"He was equal top scorer in South Africa with 22 goals last season," Higgins said. "He's a bit of a bully, he's aggressive, he works hard. I'd like to see him come here. He'd do any club a world of good."

While the wait for McGrellis continues, interest is focused on Higgins, the 6ft 4ins battering ram striker who scored 15 goals in 35 games for Hellenic in South Africa, after stints with Chesterfield, Port Vale, Rochdale and Chester in England.

He alternated between centre forward and centre back in England, but hopes to stay up front in the Heidelberg team.

Talking about his strengths as a player, Higgins says: "I work hard and obviously my heading is my strength. I'm not a good dribbler; I play it one-touch. Players can use me as a wall, to bounce the ball off. I'm aggressive in the box — and I've been penalised a few times for it. If people get in my way, they get hurt!"

"Magic" is Higgins' first impression of Australian soccer. "It was good in South Africa, but I missed the humor there. The South Africans don't have the ability to laugh at themselves."

The standard of soccer in South Australia is comparable with Australia's, but crowds there are much larger.

A total of 85,000 watched the South African Cup final between Fraser Celtic and African Wanderers.

The blacks are more skilful than players here, but they're not as disciplined or well-organised. They play to the crowd. They'd rather four nutmegs than four goals."

Hellenic, beaten 2-1 over two legs in the Cup semi-final by McGrellis's club, Wilts University (Richard Miranda's former club), has had many distinguished players over the years, including Bobby Moore, Uwe Seeler, Alan Ball and Roger Hunt. The club is owned by Greeks.

Higgins feels quite at home in Melbourne. He played against Makedonia's Ian Dobson in England; he was a team-mate of Morwell Falcons' Russell Athersych at Chesterfield and Steve Smith had a trial with Rochdale while Higgins was there.

Players who impressed him in the early Buffalo Cup rounds are: Peter Tsolakis (Heidelberg), Richard Miranda (Hellas) and Dobson. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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# Mr. Charisma, that's Kulak

## Mentor of Kalantzis, de Ceglie finds new stars at Polonia

● Kaz Kulak — new coach of Polonia (Vic)

By CRAIG MCKENZIE

Julio Avian and Andrzej Zsembery aren't household names in Australian soccer. One day they may be and if that day comes they'll remember Kaz Kulak.

Kulak, recently appointed coach of Victorian State League club Polonia, has an outstanding record in Australia for producing young talent but that record sometimes hangs like a yoke around his neck.

"I have this funny reputation for making players. Clubs seem to think that if they hire me, they'll suddenly find all this young, local talent playing regularly in their first teams but it doesn't work like that. It takes three, four, maybe five years to build a team based on local talent and how many clubs in this country have that much patience?" asks Kulak.

Kulak himself lacks patience, judging by his hunger for success in his first coaching stint in Victoria.

"Yes, I'm a greedy man. I want to finish in first place in State League. Then again, we can't always get what we want. If that's the case this year then I want to at least finish second."

Peter Raskopoulos, Rob de Ceglie, Vince Colaguri, Chris Kalantzis, Terry Patalis and Alex Lambropoulos... Kulak calls them "my boys". In a proud, paternalistic way, not boastfully.

"If they're young enough they're good enough," Tommy Docherty once said to Kulak and the sentiment stuck. Docherty sought Kulak's advice about throwing teenager Kalantzis into Sydney Olympic's first team a few years ago. Kulak said that Kalantzis was ready and that was good enough for the Doc.

"Tommy Docherty is a really great person and as a coach, I respect him for

giving kids a chance. There's a lot of talented young players in this country but not many talented coaches."

Even the national team should start looking to the future and bring in younger players, according to Kulak.

"We must get ready for the Olympics now but really, the Olympics should be part of our preparation for the next World Cup qualifying games. Put Farina in the team. Bring Patikas back to play international games."

"I'm not telling Frank Arok what to do. He doesn't need any advice. His record speaks for itself. I'm only saying what I would do if I were in charge. I would be looking to produce a very different team to the one which has been successful over the past couple of years. Now is the time to rebuild."

Kulak is a salesman, in business and in soccer. There's a Kate Rasic type of quality about the man yet unlike the former national coach, Kulak never has been in the position of spending big money on new players. But Kulak is a match for Rasic on the charisma stakes.

"We need big personalities in Australian soccer and even though the National League is far too physical for my liking I'm not worried. Thank goodness there never will be a suitable substitute for skill."

Kulak was a skillful player but he doesn't just hold himself up as a mirror to the men he now coaches.

"In Sydney I played against the APIA of Cliff van Blerk, Stan Ackerley, George Keith, Fil Botalica, Archie Blue, Ricky Campana and Johnny Giacometti; the Hakoah of Alan Maraoch, Johnny Watkins, Henry Mowbray and Willie Rutherford and the St George of Doug Utjesenovic, Johnny Warren and Jim Fraser. Just think about those names, think about how big they were in character and look at what we have now."

"Attie Abonyi is the most skillful Australian forward I've seen. One of the greatest midfielders I've seen one of the

finest men I've met is Jimmy Rooney."

Kulak was 16 when he made his first-team debut for Garbana Krakow, then in Poland's Second Division. He was there for six years before transferring to First Division club Gwardia Warsaw. Injury forced him out of Poland's squad for the Rome Olympics but he played for Poland at youth and senior B levels. Polonia Sydney brought him to Australia in 1967.

"The Polonia side of 1968 was really, really good. We missed out on the championship by a point after drawing with Sydney Hakoah 0-0 in the last match."

In 1971, Kulak was Polonia's player-coach but in 1972 he transferred, as a player, to Canterbury for \$2,000. It wasn't long though before his coaching talents were called upon.

"Les Scheinflug, who's one of my best mates, was sacked as coach with about eight games left. The Canterbury committee came to my house and told me that I was coach. I didn't want that. Les is my friend. But the committee said that Les already had gone and it was too late to do anything about it, so I became player-coach for those few games."

Kulak switched to Prague in 1973 for \$3,000. Leo Baumgartner was Prague's coach. Was he a good coach?

"Leo's a really nice person with a great reputation here, a very respectable person."

Prague was relegated that year and amalgamated with Yugal. A stomach muscle injury ended Kulak's playing career.

"Pan Hellenic wanted to sign me but I couldn't get over this stomach injury. I saw many, many doctors but no-one could help."

Then a new challenge appeared. Kulak was offered a job in Indonesia as coach of leading club Jayakarta. He accepted but stayed there for just a year.

"I couldn't stand the climate. There are just two seasons there — very, very dry and very, very wet. Les Scheinflug was coaching Western Suburbs and he asked

me to be his assistant. I didn't want to do it. I wanted a break, but you know how persuasive Les is."

Suburbs had a poor year in 1975 and in 1976 Kulak took charge of the first team for the pre-season Ampol Cup. Suburbs beat St. George in the final but hired Archie Blue, a former player, as senior coach. That relegated Kulak to coach of the second grade side. The seniors finished second bottom that year. Kulak's team reached the second grade grand final only to lose to Marconi.

A handful of ambitious club bosses gave birth to the National League in 1977. Sydney Olympic was a founder member of the league but after 10 games, Bruce Stowell was sacked as coach and Kulak hired.

"It was a big challenge to me. Everything was so new then. Everyone was so excited. It was a great time for Australian soccer."

"The average age of the Olympic team was 22, easily the youngest in the competition but I was very happy with the players."

"Motivation is a very important thing for me. It doesn't matter one bit what a player gets paid if he doesn't believe in himself and his coach. Olympic's first home game after I took over resulted in a 4-0 win against Brisbane City. We'd scored more goals in one game than we'd scored in the previous 10! And Adelaide City was a big team then. We beat them 3-1. They were supposed to have spent \$200,000 on building their team. Olympic had spent just \$10,000."

"If I had three Billy Piries I would have finished in the top four for sure. Pirie is the best centre forward and the most professional one that I have seen. He played only seven games for Olympic then but scored seven goals."

Kulak had big plans for the 1978 season. He wanted to sign Tony Henderson, Alan Ainslie and Graham Norris. Olympic's committee refused so Kulak quit.

"I wanted to use Henderson as a true libero. I saw Ainslie as my playmaker in



● Kulak offers advice to Polonia's Billy Auld at training.

midfield, my general, and I saw in Norris the sort of goalscoring ability I marvelled at in Pirie."

From 1978 to 1980, Kulak coached Avala and switched to Arncliffe Scots in 1981 with just 10 games to go. He saved Arncliffe from relegation. He was director of junior coaching at APIA in 1982 and in 1983 guided Macedonian outfit Rockdale Hindon to the Second Division championship and a State League berth. But early in the 1984 season he clashed with Hindon's committee and left.

"The committee wasn't happy with me because there weren't enough Macedonians in the team. I told the committee that I have no favorites. I pick the best team available. The committee didn't accept that."

For the past year and a half, Kulak has been director of junior coaching at Sydney Hakoah, a club he calls the most professional in Australia.

"Administrators at other clubs should go to Sydney Hakoah to learn how to do their jobs. The head coach, Eddie Thomson, is a great person who makes sure that there is very close co-operation between the coaching staff. Eddie is the boss though. No-one tells him how to pick his team. It was an absolute pleasure to work with him and I wish with all my heart that one day this man will be the national coach."

Professionalism is the keynote of Kulak's approach to the task of making Melbourne's Polonia a great side. He has held just nine training sessions but is very encouraged with what he's seen.

"The players are working well in training, all of them. I can't ask for any more."

"I'm not going to run them into the ground, that's ridiculous. It's the easiest thing in the world to do but once you kill a player, try to bring him back to see how hard it is."

"And I'm not scared to use good young players. I have a couple already who are very impressive — a boy called Julio Avian and another called Andrzej Zsembery."



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# Country kids flying high

The Victorian Country Region (under 13) squad completed its exhausting tour of Europe with six victories out of 13 games played and a record of 48 goals scored and 28 conceded.

Though the results in the games were not the most important aspect of the tour, they showed that the team gave a good account of itself and made an excellent impression everywhere it went.

The tour began with the long and very tiring flight from Melbourne to Frankfurt, via Kuala Lumpur and Dubai. Then the boys took a sightseeing tour on a bus from Frankfurt to Bonn along the Rhine Valley. Since they arrived early in the morning, it seemed a good idea to keep them going until late in the day as possible, so that they could pick up the rhythm of European time, but by evening there were some very tired people. Monday was spent in Bonn and on a cruise on the Rhine and then on Tuesday, they went to the Hennef Sportschule where they were joined by their excellent German coach, Bernd Schunk.

For the rest of the week, the boys practised their soccer skills, outdoor and indoor. Bernd was impressed with their enthusiasm and commitment and some of their skills, but concerned that the boys were not as supple or well-conditioned as their counterparts in Germany. This judgement is confirmed by the warm-up exercises shown on video. Perhaps we need to put more emphasis on flexibility and body movement to complement the more direct soccer skills which the lads have to learn.

During this first spell at Hennef, the team played two games against local sides. Westfalia Sportsverein were beaten 5-0, while Uwe Haussman's SV Bonner team was annihilated 13-0.

At the weekend the lads took a bus to Amsterdam, where they played SV de Meteor. This was an easy win by 12 goals.

The lads were loathe to leave Hennef, where Bernd Schunk had done everything he was asked to do and made the facilities were perfect and once the catering staff learned that the team was not too keen on traditional German breakfasts and supplied cereals and french fries then there was little to fault.

On Friday, October 25, there was an early start to catch the bus to Frankfurt for the flight to London. In London, Peter



● The Victorian Country region under 13 squad, back row: Paul Halliday (coach), Kris Trajanovski, Cameron Price, Peter Sorocuk, Tyler Ford, Andrew Harris, Derrick Hayes (manager). Middle row: Ian Gordon, Pieter Langeveld, Dawson McLeod, Ross Hay, Justin Hayhurst, Paul McCuskey. Front row: Wayne Smith, Daniel Hayes. Missing: Jason McAuliffe, Adam Morsi, Leigh Allan.

## Tour details

Results of the Victorian country region under 13s European tour:

- v SV Wesseling 5-0, scorers: Kris Trajanovski, Justin Hayhurst, Wayne (Skip) Smith, Ross Hay, Jason McAuliffe.
- v Bonner SV 13-0, scorers: Skip 3, Daniel Hayes 2, Ross 2, Justin 2, Adam Morsi, Kris, Paul McCuskey, own goal.
- v SV de Meteor 12-0, scorers: Kris 6, Ross 2, Skip, Jason, Leigh, Allan, Adam.
- v FC Köln U-14 0-8
- v Dundee United 5-0, scorers: Paul 2, Kris 2, Andrew Harris.
- v Celtic Boys Club 0-3
- v Ayr Boswell 3-0, scorers: Kris 2, Leigh.
- v Rangers AFC 2-7, scorers: Ross, Justin.
- v Merioneth 5-0, scorers: Kris 2, Justin, Paul, Ross.
- v Shrewsbury Wakeman 1-2, scorer: Kris.
- v Admiral JFC 0-2
- v Oldham 1-4, scorer: Ross.
- v PGL England 1-2, scorer: Kris.

Goalscorers:  
16. Kris Trajanovski, 8. Ross Hay, 5. Justin Hayhurst, Wayne (Skip) Smith, 4. Paul McCuskey, 2. Jason McAuliffe, Daniel Hayes, Adam Morsi, Leigh Allan, 1. Andrew Harris, own goal.

Members of the Tour Party: Leigh Allan, (St George's, Shepparton), Tyler Ford (Boucher Street, Shepparton), Ian Gordon (Eaglehawk, Bendigo), Andrew Harris (Bell Park, Geelong), Ross Hay (Bell Park, Geelong), Daniel Hayes (Bell Park, Geelong), Justin Hayhurst (Newborough United, Latrobe Valley), Peter Langeveld (North Park Rovers, Swan Hill), Jason McAuliffe (Harmlyn Rangers, Bell Park, Geelong), Paul McCuskey (Pegasus, Latrobe Valley), Dawson McLeod (Creswick, Ballarat), Adam Morsi (Northeast United, Warrnambool), Cameron Price (Kyabram, Shepparton), Wayne Smith (Epsom, Bendigo), Peter Sorocuk (Bell Park, Geelong), Kris Trajanovski (Geelong East, Geelong), Paul Halliday (Bell Park, Geelong), Derrick Hayes (Manager) (Bell Park, Geelong).

Reeve, met the group and handed over to Graham Skerfe at Norman Cross during the very long haul to Edinburgh. For a variety of reasons, the lads did not arrive at the Cairn Hotel until after two in the morning which was just too much.

The game against the Hearts Boys Club had to be cancelled, because the lads were too tired.

On Monday, the team went north to Dundee, where it met Dundee United Boys Club on an all-weather pitch. Paul McCuskey was the star man in the game with two goals in our 5-0 win. Tuesday began with visits to Inver, the home of Glasgow Rangers and Celtic Park, where Roy Aitken of Celtic and Scotland showed them around. The "Celtic

View" carried an article and photograph of the squad.

In the evening, after a very long spell on their feet in the city, the lads met Celtic Boys Club at Scotstoun Showgrounds under lights. Celtic was a very strong and skilful side and ran out a 3-0 winner. As so often happened, the big name rather overruled the lads in the first half, but in the second they hit back well. Paul McCuskey had a shot cleared off the line, Ross Hay missed the outside of the post and then chipped the keeper only to have the full back head the ball away just as it was about to go in. Given that his great-grandfather played for Celtic, this was one team against which Ross would have loved to score.

That night the lads joined the families of the Ayr Boswell

Club who looked after them for the next three nights. On Wednesday, the team played Ayr Boswell at Annbank winning 3-0. This was an even and entertaining game rounded off by a reception and refreshments in the social club.

The next day the lads went to the Magnus Sports Centre at Irvine, while the adults sampled the delights of the Johnnie Walker Distillery in Kilmarnock. Then we took the bus for a sail to the Isle of Cumbrae on the ferry, travelled around the island and then set off for Glasgow once again. Rangers A.F.C. provided very good opposition on an ash pitch under lights. The surface and the bitterly cold weather rather stunned the squad and we were 4-0 down before we knew what was happening. Dawson McLeod, playing against his heroes, tackled like a tiger, despite the rough surface. He kept running and chasing a very tricky winger. The second half revival saw Ross Hay and Justin Hayhurst score, but Rangers won comfortably by a 7-2 margin.

Next day the bus took the lads south to Shrewsbury, where the Old Post Office Hotel was to be home for four days. An evening at the wrestling, was a light relief from soccer. On Saturday, they went to see Manchester United beat First Division, while on the Sunday they went to Wales for a game against Merioneth, which was comfortably won 5-0. This was followed by a reception for the squad attended by the local Mayor.

On Monday, they played Shrewsbury Wakeman school, which was the low point of the tour on the playing side. Overconfidence and tiredness saw an unnecessary 2-1 defeat.

Next day, Guy Fawkes day, began with visits to Goodison Park, home of Everton and Anfield, where the boys met Bob Paisley and several of the Liverpool players. In the evening, the team played Admiral J.F.C. under 15s and went down narrowly by 2-0.

On Wednesday, the team returned to Manchester for some shopping and a game against Willie Donachie's Oldham Youth Club. Played on sopping astroturf this game followed the usual pattern, with the lads going four down and then fighting back with an excellent goal by Ross Hay.

Then it was off to London and the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre for the final leg of the tour. On Friday, the lads went to Wembley, where they had the full treatment with the run up the tunnel to the famous pitch. On Saturday, after sightseeing in London, they went to Chelsea v. Nottingham Forest, which was a fast, open game with Chelsea winning 4-2. Kerry Dixon claimed his place in the England team against Northern Ireland with two goals, while David Speedie and Pat Nevin had excellent games, as did young Nigel Clough, son of the famous Brian, of Nottingham. He scored both Forest goals.

On Sunday, the final game against the P.G.L. England team was played on a tartan pitch, since the astroturf was waterlogged. The boys under pressure for much of the game following an early England goal, the squad hit back to equalise with only five minutes to play. Just when it seemed that we could hold out, P.G.L. the winner, but we were not disgraced by this loss. Cameron Price had a first class game in goal throughout, since Peter Sorocuk was suffering from a leg injury. Paul McCuskey played well in an unaccustomed role in the middle of the defence, while Ian Gordon stuck to his task of trying to control a skilful winger.

The P.G.L. coach had expected and demanded a comfortable win, and congratulated our lads on their fighting spirit and commitment. The tour ended with a five-side game in London, in which the teams consisted of a mixture of English and Australian lads, showing the fine spirit in which all games were played.

# Polish stars on way; House to Springvale

Jan Wyczyslyk and Jan Koterwa are the men Polonia hopes will enable it to challenge for the 1986 State League championship.

Wyczyslyk, 28, is a striker currently playing with Polish Second Division club Korona Kielca. Koterwa, 27, is a defender from First Division club Zagelbie Sosnowiec.

But before both players can arrive in Australia, Polonia has to gain permanent residency for star striker Janusz Przybyla. If it fails, only one of the overseas players will be signed.

Kaz Kulak, a former First Division player in Poland, to meet Sydney Olympic and Canterbury coach and director of junior coaching at Sydney City Hakoah last year, is Polonia's new coach. He replaced Eddie Reid before Christmas. Kaz Kowalec, former Polonia star player and coach, has replaced Doug Gregory as assistant coach.

Polonia midfielder Dave Gibson has been training with Springvale City. His contract with Polonia is up and there's \$4,500 on his head. Defender John Little, up until last week, had trained only trained only once this year, but 1985 best and fairest, Kevin Innes, has been training regularly and Leszek Gregorczuk at last looks like struggling off the injury problems which have plagued him since Polonia brought him here from Poland two seasons ago.

Greg House was expected to join Springvale as we went to press. The livewire striker had agreed terms and his transfer from Melbourne Croatia was expected to be ratified by Soccer House.

The Vales, despite the petulance of coach Bobby McLachlan, are looming as dark horses for the championship. McLachlan will cringe when he reads this for the wee man has been dusting off the plait, he learned by heart when Green

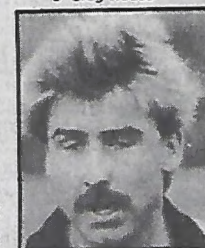
Victorian State League round-up with CRAIG MACKENZIE



● Greg House



● George McMillan



● Kevin Lloyd



● Dave Gibson

Gully started its meteoric rise in the early 1980s. You know the sort of comment.

"We're just working hard, everyone at the club, to try to do a wee bit better than we did last year."

"We're going about our business quietly. It's a big job and there's a lot to be done."

"It's heartening to know that quite a few players are showing a bit of interest in joining us."

McLachlan's mastery of understatement does little to mask the fact that he has big plans for Springvale this year.

Among others, Effie Cassar could figure prominently in those plans. Green Gully also is interested in Cassar but the

little winger has a good job in Morwell and seems fairly settled there.

Billy Whiteside was about to sign for Springvale as we went to press. Neil Garvey hadn't been sighted at training up until the end of last week; Ian Loughnane, transfer-listed by Falkner at \$2,500 negotiable, has been training with the Vales; John Lyster looks like joining Ringwood United Serbia; Tom Fitzpatrick could move to Mornington; Mark Matthews won't be returning from New Zealand; Robin Settle and Eddie Bell have returned from overseas and have been training well.

● And don't be surprised to see Big MacLeod returning to the State League scene. The former Green Gully, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Croydon goalscorer played with Prahran Celtic last year but looks like being on the move. MacLeod is McLachlan's assistant coach so there's little likelihood of him joining a rival State League club.

● Kevin Lloyd has been training with Heidelberg Alexander but Falkner recovered from the sunstroke which forced him into hospital for a short spell two weeks ago and Ian Tuffield, complete with wide-brimmed hat, spurs and a bow-legged gait, returns from the U.S. on February 28.

"Apparently, Ian's been following the rodeo circuit over there and is right into it but if he comes back talking like John Wayne, I'll put him on the transfer list," Boyle quipped.

Bruno Cozzella has made himself available for all training sessions after previously bowing to business pressures. Joe Palikas has signed a new contract and Boyle was hopeful of Colin Quigley agreeing terms this week.

● Croydon has signed Peter Blaisy, from Morwell Falcons for \$4,000 and Andy Humble on a free from Box Hill. Five Croydon players are transfer listed: Bill Whiteside (at his own request), Alan Kerr (for \$2,500), Tom Brewerton, Dave Singleton and Gary Bates.

Kerr could join Thomastown; Broadmeadows and Sunbury have shown interest in Brewerton while Mooroolbark is rumored to be keen on signing Bates.

● Brogan striker Dave Brogan returns from overseas next week.

● Thomastown's new player-coach, George McMillan, who was signed from Preston Makedonia for \$5,000, is keen to have Kerr in his side but Thomastown and Croydon haven't reached agreement over the size of Kerr's transfer fee. Thomastown feels that \$1,500 would be a more realistic figure for the former Melbourne Croatia and George Cross player.

## Verechia: \$5000



Peter Verechia, (pictured) dynamic striker or midfielder of Victorian State League club Box Hill, is for sale at only \$5000.

He requested a transfer after failing to agree terms with Box Hill.

Verechia, 23, has been Box Hill's top scorer twice and runner-up twice in the past four years.

He has been with the club since he was a junior.

Verechia played in midfield before he moved to the forward line.

He can be contacted on (03) 235 4273 (work) or (03) 878 9648 (home).

## Hobson: \$2500

● Talented left back Gary Hobson is on the move. Hobson has asked State League club Falkner to place him on the transfer list. His contract with Falkner has expired and there's just \$2,500 on his head.

We understand that Falkner refused permission for Hobson to train with rival club Springvale City, forcing Hobson to prepare for the coming season on his own. Hobson, 24, has played at Falkner for two seasons. He's a former Croydon City player. He can be contacted at work on 561 5022 or at home on 870 2831.

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# Platini—a legend, sorcerer and king

World Cup count-down: No. 1-FRANCE by Paul Moon

## Magic midfield may bring Cup to Europe

In June, 1984, the French triumphed in the European Championship with a style impressive enough to suggest they could become the first Old World side to win a World Cup tournament staged in Latin America.

But they struggled in their qualifying group, which they eventually won despite suffering defeats in East Germany and Bulgaria.

The form displayed during the 2-0 win over Yugoslavia that clinched a berth in Mexico suggests France is almost back to its devastating best, however.

If so, it will at least provide the World Cup finals with many of its most exhilarating moments.

France boasts strength throughout its ranks, but it is the midfield which marks it as exceptional.

Michael Platini has but one challenger (Diego Maradona) for the title of most gifted player in the game today, while fellow flankers Jean Tigana, Alain Giresse and Thierry Tusseau would win places in many World events.

French exuberance and flair will gain them the support of many neutrals in Mexico, as will memories of the wretched misfortune suffered during defeat by West Germany in the 1982 semi-final.

That game in Seville was only France's second appearance at the penultimate stage. The first came in 1958, when Pelé's Brazil crushed them 5-2.

France though, has reserved a very special place in World Cup history, for it was the energy and initiative of French administrator Jules Rimet (then FIFA president) which paved the way for the first tournament back in 1930.

Success for the "Tricolours" would then be appropriate from a historical viewpoint and certainly the game would benefit immensely if such a magnificent team were to set the trend as we approach the 1990s.

Possible squad: JOEL BATS (Paris St. Germain): Appears to have resolved France's goalkeeping problem, which had long been considered a permanent flaw. Born in a rugby stronghold, he is a former youth international and was previously with Sochaux and Auxerre.

ALBERT RUST (Sochaux): A surprise choice as third string goalkeeper for the successful 1984 European championship finals squad, he won an Olympic gold medal in the same year and is now established as understudy to Bats. He actually kept Bats out of the Sochaux first team when both were with the club, but at the beginning of 1986 had yet to make his senior international debut.

PHILIPPE BERGEROO (Toulouse): The likeliest choice for the third goalkeeper's berth in Mexico, despite being notoriously suspect dealing with crosses. His three international appearances (at the time of writing) are well spaced—in 1979, 1980 and 1984.



Alain Giresse



France, back row: Bossis, Domergue, Genghini, Battistoni, Bats, Fernandez. Front: Lacombe, Giresse, Platini, Tigana, Six.



Jean Tigana

PATRICK BATTISTONI (Bordeaux): A veteran of the 1978 and 1982 World Cup finals (being the victim of that infamous challenge by Toni Schumacher during the second), he can play as full back, stopper or sweeper, but prefers the latter role. Has previously been attached to Metz and St. Etienne.

YVON LE ROUX (Nantes): His power in the air was sadly missed by France when he was dropped last year, as a result of poor performances in the French league. MAXIME BOSSIS (Racing Club Paris): France's most capped player of all time is an accomplished sweeper who joined his present, second division club from Nantes which he served for 12 years. Will be 31 three days before the World Cup final.

MICHEL PLATINI (Juventus): European Footballer of the Year for the past three years, World Footballer of the Year during past two years; it would be appropriate for this brilliant attacking midfielder to cap his career with a World Cup winners' medal. Played for Nancy-Lorraine and St. Etienne before moving to Juventus in a \$3 million transfer deal during 1982, then inspired the famous Turin club to the one trophy which had previously eluded it—the European Champions' Cup. He will be 31 on June 21.

THIERRY TUSSEAU (Bordeaux): Commenced international career as full back, but is now usually employed in midfield. His transfer from Nantes in 1983 very nearly caused a riot in that town.

JEAN TIGANA (Bordeaux): Another integral part of the famed French midfield, he is a native of Mali (West Africa), but was raised in the slums of Marseille (one of a family of 10). The former Callais, Toulon and Lyon player will be 31 on June 23—6 days before the World Cup final.

BERNARD GENGHINI (Monaco): Out of favor since the 1984 European Championship, but his experience (over 20 caps) and ability should win him a place in the final squad of 22 for Mexico, despite a glut of midfield talent.

BRUNO BELCONE (Monaco): Forceful left winger-cum-striker who appeared in 3rd place play-off during 1982 World Cup finals when only 20. He has been used primarily as substitute of late.

JEAN FRANCOIS DOMERGUE (Toulouse): A hero of the 1984 European championship, scoring two vital goals in semi-final with Portugal from left back, yet has

made few appearances since then. MANUEL AMOROS (Monaco): Born in Nîmes of Spanish parents, he has spent 11 years at Monaco—but now wishes to leave the club though bound to it by contract until 1990.

WILLIAM AYACHE (Nantes): A member of France's 1984 Olympic tournament winning side, he had made his senior international debut a year earlier and before that was an under 21 representative.

MICHAEL BIBARD (Paris St. Germain): Drafted from the successful 1984 Olympic Games team, he has made several senior international appearances at right back without making any great impact to date. Moved to Paris from Nantes last year.

LUIS FERNANDEZ (Paris St. Germain): Gifted, Spanish-born midfielder who has been regular choice since making senior international debut in 1982. Paris St. Germain have been his only major club.

ALAIN GIRESE (Bordeaux): A brilliant, diminutive linkman, somewhat overshadowed by Platini, but whose skill and industry should never be under-valued. A one-club man, he (joined Bordeaux in 1985, as a 12-year-old), who made debut for France in 1974.

DOMINIQUE ROCHETEAU (Paris St. Germain): Enigmatic forward, whose explosive form was a major feature of the 1982 World Cup finals. Discovered by St. Etienne, he starred there as late substitute in 1976 European Champions' Cup final—four years before a transfer took him to

PHILIPPE ANZIANI (Monaco): In and out of squad since 1983, he is equally at home in midfield or attack. Joined Monaco from Sochaux in 1984.

JOSE TOURE (Nantes): The son of Bassidi Toure, a Malian who played for a number of leading French clubs including Nantes, he possesses magnificent skills and is capable of being the revelation of Mexico. A member of France's gold medal-winning Olympic team, who has had an extended run as striker in the senior side—but much prefers appearing in midfield.

YANNICK STOPYRA (Toulouse): Like Toure, he is the son of a famous ex-player who has yet to make anticipated mark at senior international level. A consistent goalscorer for Toulouse and his previous clubs, Sochaux and Rennes. Is a Breton of Polish descent.

DANIEL XUEREB (Lens): Equal top goalscorer in the 1984 Olympic finals tournament, when France won the gold medal. Injuries have restricted his senior international appearances. Speedy, with excellent ball control, he loves to run at defenders. Previous clubs include home town outfit Gardanne and Lyon. The unusual surname is of Maltese origin—his grandfather came from the George Cross island.

HENRI MICHEL (Coach): Capped 58 times by France (including two appearances in 1978 World Cup finals) as a creative midfielder and, late in his career, sweeper, he also won many major domestic honors with Nantes (among them the 1973 French Footballer of the Year Award), before hanging up his boots in 1982. After a short stint as television comments man, he was engaged as coaching aide to Michel Hidalgo and replaced him upon retirement following the 1984 European Championship triumph. Guided France to the Olympic title on his first international assignment.

From DEREK PARR in PARIS

ly-disarming answer from a man who has been elevated to the status of a legend in French sport.

Platini, like the favorite French comic-strip hero Asterix, is a star who can be relied on to outwit foreign invaders when danger threatens, a soccer sorcerer with a sense of occasion.

Platini has illuminated the French team for a decade. In addition to the past three World Cup final tournaments, he guided the French to triumph at the 1984 European Championships.

Mexico will mark the end for several of the seasoned core of players assembled by Michel Hidalgo—but there has been no final word from Platini, now past the soccer player's landmark of his 30th birthday.

Platini played and scored on his debut in Hidalgo's first match in charge against Czechoslovakia in Paris in March 1976 and a World Cup winner's medal is one of the few prizes in soccer missing from his collection.

The man in the number 10 shirt won the French Cup with Nancy and The League with Saint-Etienne before joining Juventus after the 1982 World Cup.

Italian league and cup titles and European Cup Winners' Cup and Champions' Cup wins followed.

He was European Footballer of the Year three times.

Television and advertising contracts earned him a second fortune off the pitch.

Recently Platini flew into Paris and stayed long enough to receive yet another trophy—as the Italian league's top scorer for a third consecutive season—before hastening to a training session with Juventus.

It was a typical episode in the life-style of a man who, last April, was created Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, a tribute to the rare panache of a man who had led France in its conquest of Europe.

His contribution in turning a fine team into an exceptional one mirrored the influences of Pelé on Brazil, Franz Beckenbauer on West Germany and Johan Cruyff on Holland.

"The French team resembles Platini. One can even say it is he, it is so bound the output of his king," proclaimed the weekly "France Football."

"It breathes through him and, it may be said in



The great man himself—Michel Platini

passing, it is certainly a shame that certain Tricolours do not breathe the same oxygen...

"Platini always amazes us by the extra-terrestrial aspect of his game..."

Opposing defences have been equally bamboozled by Platini's flair for the unexpected.

In 1977, he scored in a 3-1 win over Bulgaria which carried France to the World Cup finals for the first time since 1966.

Four years later he repeated the trick, helping France beat Holland to open a World Cup road to Spain which ended in Seville. There, despite another Platini goal, France lost a nerve-tangling semi-final against West Germany.

In the 1984 European Championship finals, he scored in all five matches, including hat-tricks against Belgium and Yu-

goslavia, a last-gasp semi-final winner against Portugal and the opening goal in the 2-0 final victory over Spain.

In January 1985, Platini said there was an 80 per cent chance he would end his playing career in 1986.

After last May's disastrous riot at the European Cup final in Brussels, he said he thought he would stop after the World Cup.

But, for now, France and Platini are happy to focus their thoughts on Mexico.

In the qualifying program, France had a tough time against Bulgaria, East Germany and Yugoslavia in European group four and Platini admitted they had not played well against Yugoslavia. But, he pointed out: "The essential thing is we know we can improve a lot."

GROUP A: Italy, Bulgaria, Argentina, South Korea.

GROUP B: Mexico, Belgium, Paraguay, Iraq.

GROUP C: France, Canada, USSR, Hungary.

GROUP D: Brazil, Spain, Algeria, Northern Ireland.

GROUP E: West Germany, Uruguay, Scotland, Denmark.

GROUP F: Poland, Morocco, Portugal, England.

How they got there

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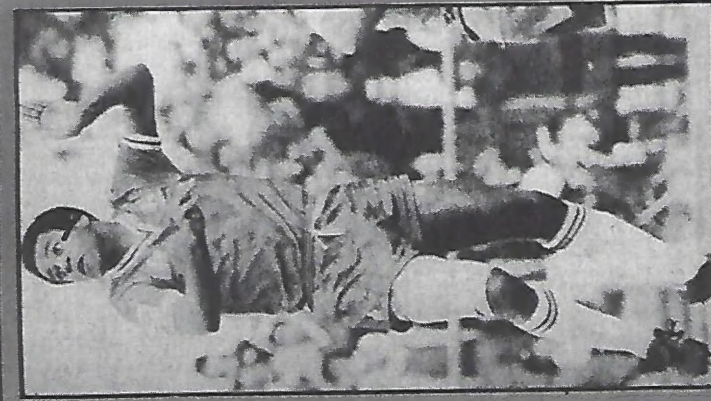
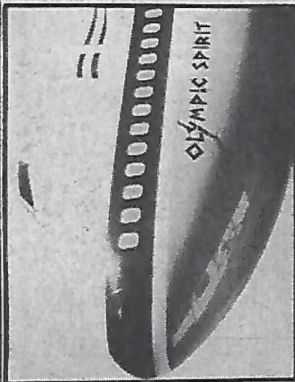
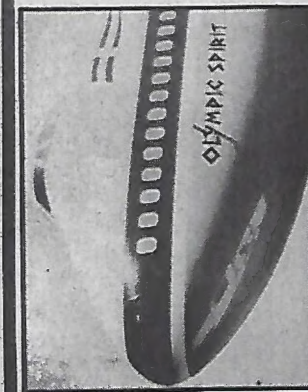


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• Sunshine-George Cross defender Tyrone James, former team-mate of George Best and Bobby Moore at Fulham.



• Heidelberg's Peter Tsolakis (left), smallest player in the National League, wins a header against George Petrov of Preston Makedonia.



• Charlie Yankos (right), then of Heidelberg, is tackled by Gary Price. Now they're team-mates at West Adelaide Hellas.



• Zarko Odzakovic — star of Sydney Croatia.



## 1986 Olympic Airways NSL fixtures

National League clubs and State League champions will contest the first round of the National Cup on March 23.

Melita Eagles will be NSW's representative, as Canterbury-Marrickville, the NSW State League champion, now is an NSL club. Melita Eagles won the NSW grand final.

Other rounds of the National Cup will be played on April 27, June 1, July 22 and September 15. The five series are yet to be confirmed.

All league matches will be at 4pm on Sunday this season, except where stated.

Inter Monaro will play at Selfert Oval except for rounds six, nine, 11 and 16 at Bruce Stadium.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**ROUND 1 — 29/30 March**

Footscray JUST v Brisb. Lions  
Heidelberg v S. M. Hellas  
Green Gully v Melb. Croatia  
W. Adelaide v S. M. Hellas  
Brisb. City v Preston Mak.  
S. M. Hellas v S. M. Hellas

**ROUND 2 — 5/6 April**

Brisb. City v W. Adelaide  
Heidelberg v Green Gully  
Melb. Croatia v New R. Tud  
S. M. Hellas v Inter Monaro  
S. M. Hellas v Syd. Olympic

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**ROUND 7 — 17/18 May**

Brisb. Lions v Brisb. City  
Footscray JUST v W. Adelaide  
Heidelberg v Green Gully  
S. M. Hellas v Melb. Croatia  
Adel. City v S. M. Hellas  
Prest. Mak. v B. Wick Juventus

**ROUND 8 — 24/25 May**

B. Wick Juventus v Heidelberg  
Green Gully v Footscray JUST  
W. Adelaide v Brisb. Lions  
Brisb. City v S. M. Hellas  
Prest. Mak. v S. M. Hellas  
S. M. Hellas v Brisb. City

**ROUND 9 — 7/8 June**

Adel. City v W. Adelaide  
Brisb. Lions v Green Gully  
Footscray JUST v Brisb. City  
Melb. Croatia v S. M. Hellas  
Heidelberg v Prest. Mak.  
Heidelberg v Brisb. Lions

**ROUND 10 — 14/15 June**

Heidelberg v Brisb. Lions

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**ROUND 15 — 19/20 July**

Brisb. City v Heidelberg  
W. Adelaide v Brisb. City  
S. M. Hellas v A.P.I.A.  
Melb. Croatia v Syd. Olympic  
Sun. G.C. v Syd. Olympic  
Green Gully v Sydney City

**ROUND 16 — 2/3 August**

B. Wick Juventus v Heidelberg  
Green Gully v Inter Monaro  
W. Adelaide v Brisb. City  
Footscray JUST v Brisb. City  
Brisb. Lions v Sun. G.C.  
Adel. City v Melb. Croatia

**ROUND 17 — 9/10 August**

Prest. Mak. v S. M. Hellas  
Brisb. City v Brisb. Lions  
W. Adelaide v Brisb. City  
Green Gully v Heidelberg  
Melb. Croatia v S. M. Hellas  
B. Wick Juventus v Prest. Mak.

**ROUND 18 — 16/17 August**

Heidelberg v B. Wick Juventus

**NORTHERN DIVISION**

**ROUND 15 — 19/20 July**

Canterbury v Wollongong  
A.P.I.A. v Syd. Croatia  
Syd. Olympic v New R. Tud  
Can. Olymp. v St. George  
Sydney City v Blacktown

**ROUND 16 — 2/3 August**

Canterbury v Blacktown  
Inter Monaro v Marconi  
W. Adelaide v Heidelberg  
Brisb. City v St. George  
Sun. G.C. v Cross New R. Tud  
Adel. City v Melb. Croatia

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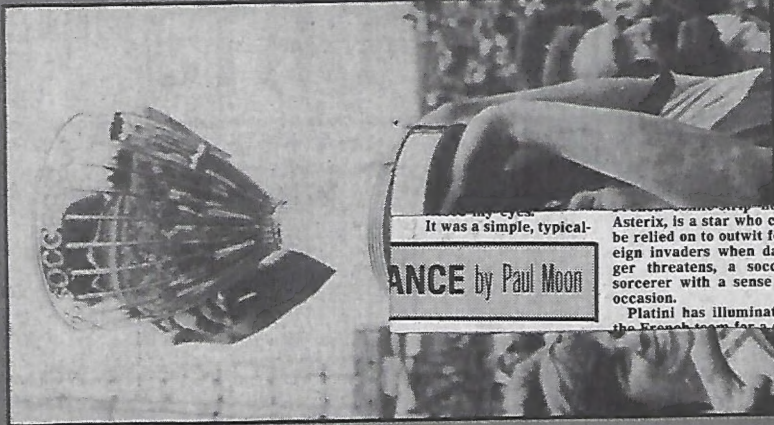
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**ROUND 18 — 16/17 August**

Heidelberg v B. Wick Juventus



• Willie Murray, formerly with Sydney City, Manly and Avala — now with Wollongong.

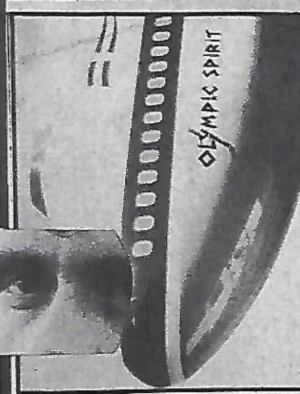


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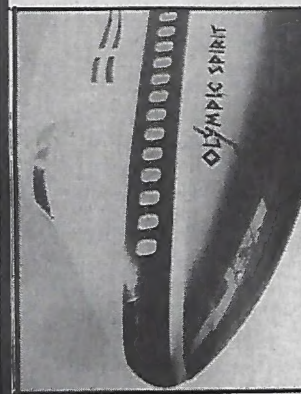
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• Ken Murphy — dynamic midfielder of South Melbourne Hellas and the Socceroos.



• They'll clash again in '86 — Joseph Biskic (left) of Melbourne Croatia and David Hogben of Green Gully.



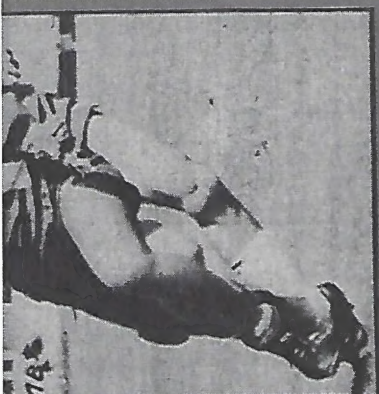
• Ossie Latif, Footscray JUST's \$15,000 buy from George Cross.



• Tommy Sermanni (right) of Canberra Olympians, challenged by Danny Wright of Brisbane Lions.

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Brisb. City v Melb. Croatia v Wollongong v Inter Monaro  
Presl. Mak. v Sun. Geo. Cross Sydney City v St. George  
ROUND 11 — 21/22 June  
Sun. G.C. v Brisb. City v St. George v New Rosebud  
Melb. Croatia v West Ade. Hel. v Syd. Croatia (Bruce Sidm)  
Sth. Melb. Hellas v Green Gully v Can. Olympic  
Adel. City v Wollongong v Sydney City  
Brisb. Lions v Footscray JUST v Sydney City  
Presl. Mak. v Wollongong v Sydney City  
ROUND 12 — 28/29 June  
West Ade. Hel. v Brisb. City v Wollongong  
Green Gully v Sun. Geo. Cross Blacktown v Can. Olympic  
B'wick Juventus v Melb. Croatia v Syd. Olympic  
Heidelberg v Sth. Melb. Hellas v Inter Monaro v A.P.I.A.  
Footscray JUST v Adel. City v St. George v Syd. Croatia  
Presl. Mak. v New. R. bud v Can. Olympic  
ROUND 13 — 5/6 July  
Brisb. City v Green Gully v Wollongong v Blacktown  
Adel. City v Brisb. Lions v Sun. Geo. Cross Blacktown v Can. Olympic  
Sth. Melb. Hellas v Footscray JUST v Syd. Croatia  
Melb. Croatia v Heidelberg v Syd. Olympic v Inter Monaro  
Sun. G.C. v B'wick Juve. v Can. Olympic v New Rosebud  
Presl. Mak. v West Ade. Hel. v Sydney City v Marconi  
ROUND 14 — 12/13 July  
Green Gully v West Ade. Hel. v Blacktown v Marconi  
B'wick Juventus v Brisb. City v Wollongong v Can. Olympic  
Footscray JUST v Melb. Croatia v St. George v Syd. Olympic  
Brisb. Lions v Sth. Melb. Hellas v New Rosebud v A.P.I.A.  
Adel. City v Presl. Mak. v Syd. Croatia v Sydney City  
ROUND 3 — 12/13 April  
Presl. Mak. v Brisb. Lions v Marconi  
Green Gully v Brisb. City v Blacktown  
Brisb. Lions v Adelaide City v Wollongong v Canterbury  
Footscray JUST v S.M. Hellas v Can. Olympic v St. George  
Heidelberg v Sun. G.C. v Syd. Croatia  
West Ade. Hel. v Presl. Mak. (2.30pm) v Sydney City v Syd. Croatia  
ROUND 4 — 19/20 April  
West Ade. Hel. v Green Gully v Inter Monaro v Wollongong  
Brisb. Lions v B'wick Juventus v Syd. Croatia v A.P.I.A.  
Sun. G.C. v Footscray JUST v New. R. bud v Can. Olympic  
Melb. Croatia v Adelaide City v Blacktown v Sydney City  
Presl. Mak. v Sth. Melb. Hellas v Can. Olympic  
ROUND 5 — 3/4 May  
Heidelberg v Brisb. City v Blacktown v Canterbury  
Adelaide City v West Ade. Hel. v Marconi  
Wollongong v Sun. Geo. Cross Blacktown v Can. Olympic  
Brisb. Lions v Melb. Croatia v Syd. Olympic v Syd. Croatia  
Footscray JUST v Sun. G.C. v Sydney City v A.P.I.A.  
Green Gully v Presl. Mak.  
ROUND 6 — 10/11 May  
Green Gully v B'wick Juventus v New. R. bud v Wollongong  
West Ade. Hel. v Heidelberg v St. George v Marconi  
Brisb. City v Footscray JUST v Inter Monaro v Blacktown C.  
Sun. G.C. v Brisb. Lions v A.P.I.A. v Syd. Olympic  
Melb. Croatia v Adel. City v Can. Olympic  
Sth. Melb. Hellas v Presl. Mak.

• Steve Hogg, ex-Canberra and Brisbane Lions, now with Brisbane City, does battle with Alan Davidson.





## West give Hellas 1985 blues

**Man of the match:**  
**ANDY ESPOSITO**  
(West Subs)

### West Suburbs 1 SM-Hellas 0

Scorer: Bobby McGuinness 52nd min.

History is repeating itself for South Melbourne Hellas.

The giant of Victorian soccer lost its first two games of the 1985 Buffalo Cup — to Croatia and Makedonia — and managed only draws with Green Gully and Polonia.

However, it went on to finish on top of the NSL Southern Division ladder.

So while Western Suburbs celebrate a well-earned giant-killing victory, Hellas fans do not yet have cause for concern. Better times lie ahead.

The intriguing question is: Can these players lead the league for a third successive season (without Crino and Yzendorff) or do they need reinforcement?

Coach John Margaritis no doubt will have a clear answer by the end of the night competition.

In order to cover for Crino's move to Cyprus, Margaritis switched Ken Murphy from his customary left-flank position to cen-

tral midfield, alongside Richard Miranda, with great success. But while Murphy worked like a Trojan, he does not have the flair of Crino. Vlado Besicovski, pushed out to the left, was replaced at half time by Peter Vardaxis who, however, insisted on playing inside his own half and in front of his full back, until very late in the game, when he finally had a scoring opportunity. No doubt he'll be more confident in his next senior appearance.

More attacking effort will be required from the entire midfield this season, because Egan and Brown will be marked more tightly than ever. Margaritis had mid-field scorers last year in Paul Wade, Mike Petersen and Fabio Incantalupe. Will he find similar at Hellas?

Wests are probably still celebrating — especially Bobby McGuinness, a one-time Hellas discard who scored the winning goal in the 52nd minute.

Let us believe that this was a lucky win, be aware that Wests could have won by three!

McGuinness muffed a close-range chance, as did Jed Stenson, and both were set up by David Smallman, the Green Gully reject who moved from midfield to attack from his second match with Wests.

Andy Esposito and Steve Dimovski were flawless in their marking of Brown and Egan, and they were given



● Steve Kakantonis sterling support from George Beattie.

But it was a poor match, marred by free kicks and throw-ins galore, and eight bookings which further held up the game. Of the total 70 minutes, only about 40 were devoted to actual playing time.

The Western Suburbs defence played the offside trap very well, but a brilliant



● South Melbourne Hellas. From left, standing: Vardaxis, Russell, Anezakis, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Miranda, Bozinovski. Front: Kanessoulis, Murphy, Egan, Brown, Laumets, Halford. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

crossfield ball from Miranda to Bobby Russell, overlapping on the right, split the back line and a goal seemed certain as Russell's cut-back found Halford unmarked. Goalkeeper Nick Apostolidis, however, reacted like a cat in making the save.

In the 21st minute, Steve Blair headed the ball square. Egan chased it in, but under pressure and while jumping, he volleyed past the post.

Four minutes later, Wests showed a glimpse of things to come as Smallman put McGuinness through, only to see McGuinness fall in a confrontation with goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

Bozinovski galloped down the right in the 30th minute, with Murphy, Egan and Brown calling for the cross. Instead, Bozinovski shot from 30 metres, at an acute angle — a contributing factor to his later substitution.

Hellas continued to make mistakes. Murphy came storming in, towards a square ball from Egan but poor communication be-

tween players, resulted in Brown taking the shot. It was repelled to Halford who side-stepped an opponent but saw his shot stopped by Apostolidis.

At the other end, Laumets made a fine save to stop a close-range shot from Stenson, leaving the scoresheet blank at half time.

Hellas was forcing all the corners, but Wests rarely looked troubled. Rather, it was the Hellas defence that looked shaky, and McGuinness should have taken advantage by crossing to unmarked Steve Kakantonis in the 50th minute, rather than trying a long-range angled shot that inevitably failed.

McGuinness made amends, however, when he scored two minutes later, with a perfect low drive after built-up play by Stenson and Smallman.

Murphy replied by getting past George Lekkas and forcing Apostolidis to make another save.

Stung into action, Hellas finished the game with two good scoring chances. First Murphy fed the ball to Vardaxis who missed from point-blank range and then Egan, racing away on a through ball from Brown, shot over the bar.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Match details

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (McIntosh 23rd, Ward 29th, Markova 42nd) GREEN GULLY 2 (Lewis 60th, 69th). Crowd: about 2000. Referee: Chris Bambridge 7. Cautions: Lucchesi, Cannell (GG); Redmond (MC).**

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Runje 7 (Govic 45th) — Deankovic 6, Curcio 7 (Redmond 49th), McIntosh 7, Hannah 7 — Biskic 7, Gojevic 7, Campbell 7, Bonacic 6 — Markovic 7, Ward 7 (Curvic 52nd). Coach: Maron Bilicic.

**GREEN GULLY:** Danyis 7 — Vizzini 7, Murray 6, Cannell 6, Drakeford 6 — Lucchesi 6, Flavell 5, Carter 7 — Cumming 6, McLellan 5 (Barichello 65th), Paul Lewis 7. Coach: George Murray.

**FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Nedelkovski 22nd, Latif 33rd) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (McKie 46th, Katsakidis 69th). Referee: Evan Venios 7. Cautions: Latif (FJ); Metaxas (Heid).**

**FOOTSCRAY JUST:** Vlagic 7 — Oblak 7, I. Barjaktarevic 7, Karic 7, Lujic 7 — Brkic 7 (inj R Barjaktarevic 65th), Belic 8, Tapai 7, Nedelkovski 6 — Lazopoulos 6, Latif 6. Coach: Zdravko Lujic (Levitzki).

**HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER:** Oliver 7 — McKie 7, Hunter 6, Marley 8, Katsakidis 7 — Selemidis 6, Christopoulos 6 — Metaxas 7, Higgins 4, Deligianis 4 (Tzintzis 47th), Tsolakis 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 4 (Parton 5th, Gilder 9th, Lennon 15th, Mitten 68th) CROYDON CITY 0. Referee: Sam Zoumas 7, injured, sub Chris Bambridge 58th. Cautions: Humble (C), Taylor (GC).**

**GEORGE CROSS:** Kastner 6 — Taylor 7, James 8, Parton 8, Campbell 8 — Faulkner 7, McLaren 7, Bain 7 — Mitten 8, Gilder 7, Lennon 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

**CROYDON:** Blasby 4 — Brown 3 (Tait 60th), Taylor 3, O'Reilly 3, Tansey 3 — MacDonald 4, Ollerton 3 (Christie 3rd, half time), MacIntosh 3, Beech 4 — French 3 (O'Shea 50th), Humble 4. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

**WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (McGuinness 52nd) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0. Referee: John Fraser 6. Cautions: Murphy (SMH), Kakantonis (WS), Esposito (WS), Dimovski (WS), Miranda (SMH), Brown (SMH), Hamill (WS), Lekkas (WS).**

**WESTERN SUBURBS:** Apostolidis 8 — Beattie 8, Dimovski 8, Esposito 8, Lekkas 6 — Tuck 5 (McCluskey 63rd), Kakantonis 5, Stenson 7, Hamill 7 — McGuinness 7, Smallman 7. Coach: Jim Kondis.

**HELLAS:** Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 6, McDowell 6, Postecoglou 6 — Halford 5, Miranda 7, Murphy 8, Bozinovski 4 (Vardaxis 4, half time) — Egan 5, Brown 5. Coach: John Margaritis.

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Cole 16th, Smith 42nd) BOX HILL 0. Crowd: about 1500. Referee: Bambridge 5. Cautions: Dobson, Petrov (PM); Hennessy (BH).**

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA:** Trainades 8 — I. Rodhouse 7 Dobson 7, Opatinis 6, McLennan 7 — Heys 7 (inj Brian 53rd), Cole 7, Petrov 6, van Egmond 7 — Smith 7, Lane 9. Coach: Bill Murray.

**BOX HILL:** McKinlay 7 — McPhee 7, Davidson 6, McMillan 7, A. Rodhouse 6 — Azzopardi 7, Hennessy 7 Taylor 6 (Verechic 45th), Burton 7 — Lawler 7, Griffin 5. Coach: Keith Webster.

**BRUNSWICK JUVENUS 1 (Petersen pen 51st) MORWELL FALCONS 0. Referee: Sam Zoumas 7. JUVENUS:** Marama 7 — Durakovic 7 (sent off 54th), Lewis 8, Brown 7, Campbell 7 — Palatsidis 6, Petersen 5, Wade 5, Zinni 5, Sweeney 7, Incantalupe 5. Coach: Len McKendry.

**MORWELL FALCONS:** Prezioso 7 — Palermo 7, Tutill 5, Bruns 7, Train 8 — T. van Baar 8, O'Callaghan 5 (Sostak 58th), Wilson 4 (M. Cassar 55th), E. Cassar 6 — J. van Baar 6, A. Cassar 4. Coach: Joe Sciberras.

### SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
JUVENUS	2	0	3	0	4	
CROATIA	2	0	0	5	3	4
W. SUBURBS	1	0	1	1	2	3
GREEN GULLY	0	1	1	2	3	1
Morw. Falcons	0	1	1	0	1	1
Hellas	0	0	2	1	3	0

### SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GEORGE CROSS	2	0	0	5	0	4
MAKEDONIA	1	1	0	3	1	3
HEIDELBERG	0	2	0	3	2	2
CROYDON	1	0	1	1	4	2
J.U.S.T.	0	1	1	2	3	1
Box Hill	0	0	2	0	3	0

## So where's all that verve?

### B. Juventus 1 M'well Falc. 0

Scorer: Mike Petersen pen. 51st.

Juventus's jovial president Joe Caruso made light of the opposition before the match, drawing our attention to a four-man forward line whose only concern was going to be entertaining the crowd.

Caruso was quite sheepish afterwards.

From the start, Morwell wrecked Juventus's plans by winning on both flanks, through Tony van Baar on the right and Effie Cassar and Jim Train on the left. Tony van Baar was particularly prominent, working tirelessly up and down the line, and also threatening the goals.

And unlike Heidelberg-Alexander, which switched its four-man attack into gear against Makedonia every time Heidelberg won the ball, Juventus wingers Andrew Zinni and Joe Palatsidis stayed deep for much of the game, meaning they had to run perhaps 40 metres before they could pose any sort of danger to the Morwell defence.

Even when it was evident that Morwell was winning on

**Man of the match:**  
**TONY van BAAR**  
(M'well Falc)

the flanks, it took Juventus a long time to switch play through the middle, where Mike Petersen and Paul Wade were bypassed for most of the game.

Juventus lined up without Robbie Cullen and John Dowie who were injured, and lost full back Mehmet Durakovic who was sent off in the 54th minute, after conceding a penalty for handball.

It was no excuse though for the national champions, as Morwell missed no less than seven of its 1985 players, as well as coach Jimmy Dunne who had resigned.

Juventus had to rely on a penalty for its goal, and Morwell's alcon should have equalised from a penalty of their own.

Cassar was busy throughout the match, but he married his performance by twice electing to hang onto the ball when team-mates were better positioned in attack, and by missing a penalty.

Peter Lewis, always eager to get forward as he is when he plays full back, sent in a hell of a cross which goalkeeper Romeo Prezioso fumbled. Prezioso recovered quickly, however, and kicked the ball clear.



● Mehmet Durakovic sent off.

Jack van Baar, Tony's brother, set sail towards goal in the 50th minute, and got clear of Lewis who missed with an attempted tackle. At an acute angle, however, Jack hit the bottom of the upright.

Juventus replied with an attack via Zinni who darted into the penalty area where he was floored from behind by Tony van Baar. Mike Petersen made no mistake from the penalty spot, giving Juventus a 1-0 lead.

Three minutes later, Morwell's star stopper Emil Bruns headed Cassar's corner kick just under the bar, where Juventus full back Durakovic stopped it with his hands. Morwell had the penalty which should have levelled the scores, but Cassar shot meekly, enabling Marama to save.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Croydon out of its depth

### Geo. Cross 4 Croydon 0

Goals: Parton 15th, Gilder 9th, Lennon 15th, Mitten 68th.

George Cross made short work of Croydon's slow defence in the first nine minutes to grab a 2-0 lead that completely demoralised Croydon.

George Cross defenders Tyrone James and Shaun Parton, and especially John Campelj who went forward at every opportunity, played as if they had no opponents.

Croydon fielded Jim Maclean, signed for about \$7000 from Morwell Falcons, but he was as far out of his depth as the other Croydon players.

Player-coach Peter Ollerton even took himself off at half time, and 1985 State League top scorer Graham French also was replaced during the second half.

Parton scored his second goal in as many games for George Cross, following his transfer from Croatia, to make the score 1-0 after five minutes. The move started with a throw-in by Jeff Faulkner to James who relayed the ball to Noel Mitten. From there it went to Faulkner whose cross was headed on at the near post, and tucked away by Parton.

Four minutes later, Mitten, in the corner, layed the ball back to Chris Taylor who clipped to the near post. Carl Gilder won the ball and his shot deflected off Jim O'Reilly's leg into the net.

Mark Lennon volleyed home a De Maclean cross to make it 3-0 in the 15th minute.

**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN CAMPELJ**  
(Geo. Cross)

Just after half time, French saw his big chance as Parton, running across his own penalty area, stumbled over the ball and appeared in peril of losing it. But with French lumbering towards him, Parton controlled the ball, flicked it over French's head, ran around the striker and headed upfield with consummate ease. That move really told the story of the match.

To further rub it in, George Cross pushed up a third forward, Mark Lennon, who in the first half had operated mainly as a flanker.

A quaint distraction was the substitution of referee Sam Zoumas who injured his left leg in the 58th minute. Chris Bambridge, who was waiting to take charge of the later match, took Zoumas's place.

George Cross was into its old habit of passing the ball dreamily back and forth in defence, as if it were a training session without spectators who had paid to get in.

But they did exert themselves for one last goal, two minutes from the end, scored by Mitten after Maclean's shot had been smothered.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



# Cross looking good Suburbs sign Cirić

Sunshine-George Cross should maintain its fine Buffalo Cup record and edge closer to securing a semi-final berth when it clashes with Box Hill tonight (Wednesday) in the second game of a double header at Olympic Park No.1.

The Hillmen will be without striker Peter Verechia, who has a pulled thigh muscle. Verechia also is on the transfer list after failing to reach terms with the club over a new contract. Verechia successfully negotiated a maximum transfer fee clause, a one year contract and no option, however, Box Hill's refusal to pay signing-on fees this year proved a stumbling block.

George Cross should win but there will be no respite for its players before their next Buffalo Cup match for the first team squad heads off to Albany this weekend for a training camp. The players will be staying at Lake Hume Resort and even though coach John Gardiner has been known to have a hot now and then again he won't be letting the lads run amok on the poker machines.

Western Suburbs will be made to fight every inch of the way against Morwell Falcons in the first match tonight but should emerge triumphant.

Suburbs failed in their bid to sign Dennis Boland, the former Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper (he's set to join Frankston Pines) but has signed another J.U.S.T. "old boy" — Milutin Cirić. Suburbs paid \$1,800 for Cirić's transfer from Williamstown however youngster Nick Apostolidis should line up in goal for tonight's game.

Suburbs also signed 28 year old Scottish midfielder Dennis McLeod, a former Sunderland and Albion Rovers player. McLeod is expected to arrive within a fortnight.

Liam McCuskey is another new face at Suburbs. He scored 17 goals last season for Victorian League club Geelong and joined Suburbs on a free. He's only 19 but Suburbs coach Jim Kondilis is impressed with the young forward.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Suburbs midfielder Robert Palmarićciotti went into hospital earlier this week for a leg operation and won't be back in training for a fortnight.

Falcons have been battling hard without seven of last year's first teamers and were very unlucky not to earn a draw against 1985 national champion Juventus. Tony van Baar on the right and Effie Cassar on the left have been Falcons' main avenues to goal. Kondilis is aware of this and probably will assign man markers to them. If the effectiveness of van Baar and Cassar can be blunted, Suburbs will have taken a giant step towards winning.

Remember what happened to Tommy Traynor at Brunswick Juventus last year after a couple of Buffalo Cup games? He was replaced as coach by John Margaritis who, incidentally, is coaching South Melbourne Hellas which just happens to have lost its first two Buffalo Cup games and has as much chance of making the semis as John Yzendoorn has of staying at Hellas. Now wouldn't it be "funny" if Hellas lost to Green Gully on Friday night?

The Hellas committee probably wouldn't think so. Neither would Margaritis, but I'll save them both the trouble of hitting the panic button by tipping Hellas to win.

The second game on Friday could see Footscray J.U.S.T. lining up with its three imports — striker Milos Stosic, goalkeeper Zoran Nikolic and midfielder vojislav Vučković. They were expected to arrive, along with coach Drago Sekularac, as we went to press.

J.U.S.T. faces stiff opposition in the form of Preston Macedonia, which will go far in the Buffalo Cup if it can get its defensive act together.

Surely Heidelberg Alexander will be too strong for Croydon in the first of Saturday night's double header. Steve Tasios should return to the Heidelberg line-up and the pace of John Metaxas and Peter Tsolakis will worry the life out of the Croydon back four.

The second game on Saturday will be a cracker. While Juventus hasn't been impressive so far, it still oozes class and under the direction of coach Len McKendry, will provide Croatia with its stiffest test to date.

John Dowie and Rob Cullen should return to the Juve line-up after missing the clash with Morwell due to injury, meaning that McKendry will be able to field his strongest team. Dowie's return as sweeper completes the most solid defensive formation in Australian soccer. It will have to be to contend with Robert Markovac, Gary Ward, Josip Biskic and Steve Gejevic.

Mehmet Durakovic, sent off against Morwell, will serve an automatic one-match suspension so Peter Lewis will revert to right back. Cullen is expected to take up his customary attacking role wide on the right and McKendry may decide to use Andrew Zinni as Joe Sweeney's attacking cohort, enabling Fab Incantalupo to switch out wide on the left.

## The programme

**WEDNESDAY, February 5: 1st GAME: Morwell Falcons v Western Suburbs, 2nd GAME: Sunshine George Cross v Box Hill.**

**FRIDAY, February 7: 1st GAME: South Melbourne Hellas v Green Gully, 2nd GAME: Macedonia v Footscray JUST.**

**SATURDAY, February 8: 1st GAME: Heidelberg Alexander v Croydon City, 2nd GAME: Juventus v Melbourne Croatia.**

**WEDNESDAY, February 12: 1st GAME: Green Gully v Western Suburbs, 2nd GAME: Macedonia v Croydon City.**

**FRIDAY, February 14: 1st GAME: Melbourne Croatia v Morwell Falcons, 2nd GAME: Hei-**

**delberg Alexander v Sunshine George Cross. SATURDAY, February 15: 1st GAME: Footscray JUST v Box Hill, 2nd GAME: Juventus v South Melbourne Hellas.**

**WEDNESDAY, February 19: 1st GAME: Footscray JUST v Croydon City, 2nd GAME: Juventus v Green Gully.**

**FRIDAY, February 21: 1st GAME: Heidelberg Alexander v Box Hill, 2nd GAME: South Melbourne Hellas v Morwell Falcons.**

**SATURDAY, February 22: 1st GAME: Melbourne Croatia v Western Suburbs, 2nd GAME: Macedonia v Sunshine George Cross.**

**SATURDAY, March 1: Semi Finals. SATURDAY, March 8: Final.**

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Croydon v Box Hill: 3. McDonald (Croy), 2. Ramos (BH), 1. A. Roodhouse (BH).

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Halford (SMH), T. van Baar (MF), Lane (PM), Hannah (MF).

2.5 — Dimovski, Beattie (WS), Markovac (Cro), 2 — Ramos (BH), E. Cassar, Train (MF), Peter Lewis (BJ), Dobson, Heys (PM), McIntosh (Cro), Par-ton, Milten (GC), Marley (Heid).

South Melbourne Hellas v Western Suburbs: 2.5 Dimovski, Beattie (WS), Lane's Exploit (WS). Footscray J.U.S.T. v Heidelberg: 3. Karic (FJ), 2. Marley (H), 0.5 L. Barjaktarevic, Be-lie (FJ).

**Progressive votes:**

4 — Campelj (GC)  
3 — McDonald (Croy), Baricello (GG), Wade (BJ), Tsolakis (Heid), Tapa, Karic (FJ),



Jeff Faulkner of George Cross looks on as JUST's Vlatko Belic slides the ball clear.

## Pressure on Higgins

**J.U.S.T. 2 Heidelberg 2**

Scorers: Nedelkovski 22nd, Latif 33rd (J.U.S.T.); McKie 46th, Ketsakidis 69th (Heid).

Andy Higgins apparently played most of his football in England as a central defender yet Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey signed Higgins as a striker.

That could pose problems for both Higgins and Garvey. Problems escalated by the unrest among Heidelberg fans after Higgins's poor display against Footscray J.U.S.T.

Higgins is in an unenviable position. He's played one and a half games for Heidelberg, whose fans are little different from fans at other clubs — they are very impatient. They won't give Higgins much time to settle in to his new surroundings and new teammates and the humid conditions in this match did nothing to ease Higgins's situation. The sad fact for the big man is that, as unfair as it may be, he must start performing.

I remember Gus Macleod's early games in Australia for Green Gully. He wasn't impressive. Macleod, of course, went on to become the leading scorer in State League and justify the faith shown in him by the Gully camp and for Higgins's sake, let's hope that a similar fate awaits him.

If Higgins fails, pressure will mount on Garvey to play either Nick Deligiannis or Pashalis Tantzis. Nothing is more certain. George Nedelkovski, making his senior debut, gave J.U.S.T. the lead in the 22nd minute with a neat volley past Jeff Oliver. Ossie Latif made it 2-0 in the 33rd minute after running on to Vlatko Belic's pass and thumping a low shot past Oliver and inside the near

Man of the match:

**VLATKO BELIC (J.U.S.T.)**

post. Oliver should have saved.

Heidelberg's comeback started in spectacular fashion. Ian McKie let fly from almost 30 metres and the ball thundered into the top far corner of goal. That was in the 46th minute.

## Macedonia angry

**Macedonia 2 Box Hill 0**

Scorers: Cole 16th, Smith 42nd.

Preston Macedonia is getting sick of scoring legitimate goals and having them chalked off by the referee. It happened in Macedonia's 1-1 draw with Heidelberg Alexander in the first round of the Buffalo Gold Cup and it happened again as Macedonia beat Box Hill 2-0 last week.

In the 40th minute, Box Hill defender Gary McPhee tried to pass the ball back to goalkeeper John McKinlay. Macedonia striker Sean Lane intercepted the pass, rounded the advancing McKinlay and squared the ball into the goalmouth. The incoming Graham Heys slid down and scored but referee Chris Bambridge, heeding the signal from his linesman, ruled that Lane had been offside.

Box Hill's best spells were early in the match and late. In between, Macedonia created nine good chances, converting just two.

In the 16th minute, Ian Roodhouse took a long throw-in from the right. He sent the ball over Lane's head. The ball bounced well inside the Box Hill area and Steve Smith's challenge forced McKinlay to only palm the ball out to the penalty spot where the incoming Gary Cole hit a low, accurate first time shot and it was 1-0.

Dave Azzopardi took the corner he won in the 31st

It looked like J.U.S.T. would hold out though. A prominent soccer scribe, who had backed J.U.S.T., was at his wit's end every time Heidelberg attacked. He nearly fell off his chair when young Chris Ketsakidis equalised a minute from time.

Ketsakidis showed great close control to check back inside an opponent then slam the ball wide of Zoran Vlatko and J.U.S.T. had blown it.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Man of the match:

**SEAN LANE (Macedonia)**

minute, sending it toward the far post. Phil Griffin, unmarked, miscued with his attempted volley but Cole was on hand to head clear in front of Hennessy.

A minute later, Lane, on the left, played the ball inside to Graham Heys who continued its movement toward the right, releasing Nick van Egmond but the young attacking midfielder rushed his shot and the ball sailed well over.

In the 34th minute a fine interpassing movement involving George Petrov, van Egmond, Smith and Lane ended with Lane breaking through. He rounded McKinlay only to strike his shot against McPhee, the ball rolling off for a corner.

Heys broke through in the 39th minute as Box Hill was caught coming out of defence too slowly but McKinlay reacted well to get down and save Heys's shot from 10 metres.

Then came the Lane "off-side" incident. But there was no chalking off Macedonia's second goal. It came in the 42nd minute after Petrov headed firmly following a Heys corner and Smith headed in at the far post.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Lean times

**M. Croatia 3 Green Gully 2**

Scorers: McIntosh 23rd, Ward 29th, Markovac 42nd (MC); Paul Lewis 60th, 69th (GG).

Some Green Gully fans haven't been happy with the form of newcomer Gordon Flavell. More Croatia fans aren't happy with their club signing Luka Bonacic, who guested with Footscray J.U.S.T. last year, and Bonacic himself is rumored to be far from happy.

The story doing the rounds of the press box at Olympic Park last week was that Bonacic has been taking a lot of "stick" from a group of Croatia fans and there even was talk that he might be keen to switch to Sydney Croatia. What a bombshell that would be.

Gully yielded a far stronger line-up than the one which suffered to a 0-0 draw with Morwell Falcons in the previous Buffalo Cup match. However, there were two big surprises in the Gully side as stopper Steve McLellan played centre forward and Kenny Drakeford played left back.

The Drakeford saga is far from over if South Melbourne Hellas gets its way. Hellas still claims that it has a hold on Drakeford, who last played there in 1978, and is threatening to take the matter before the A.S.F. One wonders when, if ever, a club's hold on a player becomes invalid, especially when the player is cleared to play in three other countries, as is the case with Drakeford.

One also wonders how strong the Hellas argument would be in court should Drakeford pursue the restraint of trade line. Croatia must be thankful that Buffalo Cup preliminary round games only are 35 minutes each way for it surrendered a 3-0 lead in a fashion which must have disturbed coach Miron Bleiberg.

Gully goalie Lou Denys saved shots from Steve Gejevic and Bonacic before George opened its account in the 23rd minute. A superb chip from Jim Campelj was chipped down by Josip Biskic but Biskic's shot was blocked for a corner. He took it, sending the ball to the near post where the incoming Dave McIntosh powered it into the net with a stunning header.

Man of the Match:

**DAVE MCINTOSH (M. Croatia)**

Six minutes later, Robert Markovac did well on the right of the Gully area and surrounded by two defenders. His cross picked out Gary Ward whose well placed low header gave Denys no chance.

Gully looked well beaten when Markovac, running onto a through ball from Gejevic, slammed a low shot past Denys and into the far corner in the 42nd minute.

Paul Lewis's reply in the 60th minute looked little more than a consolation effort. Drago Deankovic's dreadful passback went straight to Lewis who rounded McIntosh at the second attempt then slipped the ball between Zeljko Govic and the near post. Govic had replaced Mirko Runje 15 minutes earlier with Croatia in complete control.

Flavell played the ball wide to substitute Fab Baricello on the left. Baricello's square ball into the area was sidefooted in by Lewis but any hope of a shock comeback was dashed with the final whistle sounding a minute later.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Campelj leads in voting

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## Unemployed too?

• The Victorian Soccer Federation has bowed to public protest and will admit invalid pensioners to the Buffalo Cup for half price. Previously, concessions had applied only to the age.

Having softened its stance, the VSF should go one step further and introduce concessions to the unemployed.

It would be an excellent public relations exercise that also would boost attendances. — LAURIE SCHWAB





● Francis ● Hayes

**Azzurri 1  
Birkalla 1**  
Scorers: Francis (A) 75th; Hayes (B) 61st.  
Azzurri, twice winner of the SA Ampol Cup in the past three seasons, will have to improve dramatically on this performance to have its name again engraved on the trophy.  
Even allowing for the hot, oppressive conditions, the supporters had a right to expect



● Maxwell

# Good start for Matic

**AC-Juventus 5  
Elizabeth C 1**  
Scorers: Juve: Villani 57th & 61st; Maxwell 58th & 72nd; Mullen 76th. EC: Kelly 56th.

Adelaide city Juventus survived a shaky start to recapture its 1985 Ampol Cup form and give new coach Zoran Matic a fine debut victory.  
Juventus owed its success to the clinical finishing of Steve Maxwell, Charley Villani and Joe Mullen and the questionable fitness of the Elizabeth City opposition.  
Juventus always looked the more competent side, but did not find scoring touch until Elizabeth embarrassed its vaunted foe with a Mick Kelly goal 16 minutes into the second half.  
Elizabeth went within a whisker of making it 2-0 seconds later, but a lucky clearance was whisked to the opposite end where Charley Villani outpaced the city defence before rounding Beantalk goalkeeper Andy Allen for the lightning equaliser.  
Steve Maxwell made certain that a Joe Mullen goalbound shot reached its target later to present the fans with the third goal of the game in as many minutes.  
Maxwell, hero of the SA team's DCM Trophy triumph in India, notched his second goal after Villani had expertly converted a penalty.

**● Tobin**  
But the goal of the match came from hard-running Mullen who dived head-long to connect with an excellent pass from Maxwell.  
Juventus achieved its initial 1986 success without captain Bugsy Nyskohus, stopper Neville Flounders and midfielder Brian Northcote (all resting), while Sergio Mella is recovering from a broken wrist suffered in India.  
Mella is expected to miss the remainder of the night series, but Juventus WILL NOT retain the Ampol Cup without Nyskohus, Flounders and Northcote.  
The experienced trio must play if Juventus is to go all the way to the final.  
This is evident despite a good debut against Elizabeth by Gary Higgins of Salisbury United and encouraging performances from young Ernie Luongo, David Albertson and Colin Miller.  
Young Steve Niscioi also provided his worth in goal after being preferred to SA custodian Willie McNally, who last week settled a prolonged contract dispute.  
Apart from the early new season sharpness of Maxwell, Villani, Adrian Santrac and Mullen, the most pleasing aspect for Juventus fans was the authority with which Alex Tobin guided his inexperienced defenders, Luongo and Albertson.  
Elizabeth's major consolation is that it led after 56 minutes of determined opposition, but there remains a huge question mark over its stamina during these 80-minute contests.

## SA CUP DETAILS

**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 5 (Villani 57th and 61st, Maxwell 58th and 72nd, Mullen 76th), ELIZABETH CITY 1 (Kelly 56th). Referee Bob Kerr 8. Crowd: 2100.**  
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: Niscioi 7, Tobin 8, Luongo 7, Higgins 7, D. Albertson (Russell 72nd) Santrac 8, Vidmar 6, (Cecere 72nd), Maxwell 8, Mullen 8, C. Miller 6, (Caruso 70th) Coach: Z. Matic.  
ELIZABETH CITY: Kelly 7, Mullen 6, Evans 7, Buttnerworth 5, Begbie 7, Hughes 8, Kelly 7, A. Knowles 7, (Fuda 70th), D. Edwards 6, K. Hughes 6, (Mottram 70th), Doyle 6, (Edwards 58th). Coach: Bobby Hogg.

**AZZURRI 1 (Francis 75th), BIRKALLA 1 (Hayes 61st). Referee Graham Neal 7. Cautions: Thomson (B), Zioa (A).**  
AZZURRI: D. Miller 7, Illic 6, O. Michelson 8, R. Albertson 8, Kitchen 7, Boffa 6 (Roberts 75th), Francis 8, F. Michelson 7 (send off), DeVita 7, Borak 7, Giannetto 8 (Zioa 68th) Coach: Joe Serafini.  
BIRKALLA: Lancer 8, Duncan 8, Owers 7, Binning 8, Thomson 6, Burrowes 6, Hamilton 41st, sub. Upton 62nd, Devin 7, Tobin 7, Woodward 6, Halliday 7, Hayes 8, Substitutions: Hamilton 6 for Burrowes 41st, Upton for Hamilton Coach: Rab Jones.

# Hunter the first to head south?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Alan Hunter almost changes his mind about joining Heidelberg-Alexander when he found that Charlie Yankos had left but now that he's made the move, other Queenslanders may follow.  
"No-one of my age has switched from Brisbane to Melbourne, and if I do well here, Danny Wright may be the first to join me," Hunter said this week.  
"He's the best striker I've ever marked and I predict he'll have a great season this year."  
Brisbane City spoke to both Hunter and Wright early this year. Frank Arok wanted to lure Wright to St. George Budapest but Wright first wants to complete his electrician's apprenticeship with former Lions star Col Bennett.  
It was Bennett, incidentally, whom Hunter replaced in the Brisbane Lions line-up in 1983.  
About his disappointment over Yankos's switch to West Adelaide, Hunter said: "I had expected to be playing alongside Charlie. I wanted an experienced guy behind me, which I've never had before."  
"My sweepers have been Steve Jackson, Roddy Vasquez, Tony Redmond and Alan Marziale, guys who are all as inexperienced as I am."  
"You can play your own game at right back or left back, but in the middle of the defence, you have to have a team — two players who know each other's game."  
"I considered not coming to Melbourne when I heard Yankos had left, but finally I decided that if I went to get into the national squad, then it's up to me and me alone."  
"Steve Marley did well in the sweeper's position in my first game for Heidelberg, against Macedonia, but I think George Christopoulos will get the job."  
Hunter, voted 1985 Australian Under 21 Player of the Year, has an equally talented younger brother, David, 18, who has just returned from the Australian schoolboys' tour of Britain.  
David, who had six senior games with Lions last season, played left back on the tour and set up the winning goal against Scotland schoolboys. He has entered college in Brisbane, but Everton has offered him the chance to trial there when he is ready. Southampton also is interested.  
Alan Hunter started at the age of five with Acacia Ridge in Brisbane and played there right through to senior level until joining Lions in 1982.  
In 1980-81, he went to Northern Ireland to visit relatives and played there for the reserve team of Larne for four months.  
Asked to pinpoint the highlights of his career, Hunter said:  
"Making the top five in 1984 was one highlight, and so was playing alongside George Best when he asked for me."  
"He was a genius with the ball. But he was bitter about the way the British press treated him in regard to his alcoholism."  
Playing in the 1982 Queensland youth team that won the national championship in Canberra was another highlight. That team included: Frank Farina, Russell Stewart, Steve Jackson, John Kowan, Steve Glickner, Ray Junna, Cameron Bell, Peter McClurg, and Danny Wright — some line-up!  
Yet despite all that talent, Queensland had only four players selected to the national youth squad whereas NSW, which lost 1-1 to Queensland in the final, had seven players honored.  
Hunter himself remains disappointed that he was never given a chance in the national youth team and he hopes to make up for it by catching the attention of Soccercoo coach Frank Arok.  
He chose Melbourne, Hunter says, because he likes the Southern Division of the NSL, and wanted to avoid having to adjust to a new league as well as a new club.  
"I liked Heidelberg because they're a young, positive sort of team and I admire Brian Garvey's methods," he says. Macedonia, Blackdown, George Moss and Brisbane City also were interested in him before he made the move to Heidelberg for a \$18,000 transfer fee.  
Hunter was a striker initially and then a midfielder, before going to defence, hence his exceptional skill and his eagerness to go forward.  
He was impressed by Melbourne Croatia in the Buffalo Cup, but expects Heidelberg to mount a strong challenge for the championship.  
Hunter sells sports insurance for National Mutual and is based at VFL House near the MCG.



● Alan Hunter (left) wins a header against Graham Honeyman of WA-Hellas. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO

# Abonyi recruits Groome, Dart

By MIKE RENWICK

Atti Abonyi is full of enthusiasm and looking forward to the 1986 season.  
However, contrary to the rumors, he will be in charge of NSW State League club Rockdale and won't be with NSL club St George.  
Rumors that he was about to join the coaching staff of St George under Frank Arok were not new to the former Soccercoo, but he said they were just that: rumors.  
"I haven't heard from Frank or from anyone at the St George club in three months," he said.  
Abonyi said he was quite content to stay with Rockdale for the coming season.  
"I need to have some stability for a while," he said.  
"The period before I left the game was crazy — too much movement and no consistency," he said.  
After a year's leave from the club game from the middle of 1984 to the middle of last year, he received a cry for help from Rockdale.  
The lure of the game was too strong and he responded, guiding Rockdale to sixth place in the NSW State League.  
Now the former Soccercoo international striker wants to stay put with the western Sydney club for at least a year to "build something substantial".  
Abonyi said he had two lean years at clubs, starting when he spent six months at Canberra City in 1983 and four months at Croatia in 1984.  
"When I had my successful years with Croatia, Melita and Riverwood, I was given the time to do something," Abonyi said.  
"I was very disappointed when Croatia sacked me in 1984 after just eight rounds."  
"What did they expect in such a short time?"  
Abonyi's track record as a coach is almost as impressive as his playing record — NSW State League titles with Croatia twice and then Melita, and then he took the unheralded Riverwood to second position on a shoestring budget.  
At the time he was coaching Croatia again in 1984 in the NSL, he was pencilled in by national coach Frank Arok to be an assistant during the international series involving Juventus and Manchester United.  
Despite his sacking, Arok employed him in a valued role.  
And Abonyi freely admits that it whetted his appetite for international team involvement — whatever the level.  
"Being involved with the national sides, and working under Frank at that time gave me a taste of something very special," Abonyi said.  
"Just like every player's ambition to represent his country, every coach's dream is to be in charge of, or to be involved with the national team."  
However, he said his taste for the international scene leans more towards the younger sides than the seniors.  
"Frank and Eddie are doing such a great job with the seniors," Abonyi said.  
Abonyi said he felt once Arok was certain of his future, he would implement some progressive changes in the national team set-up.  
And that's where Abonyi hopes he can be of some help.  
"I'd love to be involved somewhere with the youth teams — either the Under 16s or the Under 19s — somewhere where an influence can be made on the kids' approach to the game," Abonyi said.  
Abonyi said that after the international series he had a "glorious break" from the game.  
"It was my first one in almost 25 years," he said.  
But unlike so many stars who then seem to drift off into the forgotten reaches of soccer's history, Abonyi came bounding back.  
"I'd been hopping around from club to club before the break, and when Rockdale said 'come', I thought, well, I'd like to go there and do something positive," he said.  
"To do that, I knew I'd have to stay at least a year, possibly longer."  
"And the club has been great, giving me the freedom I need to put my plans into effect."  
He speaks with all his old enthusiasm, obviously glad to be back in action with a plan already well formulated in his keen managerial mind.  
"I'm just so pleased that things seem to be coming together," he said.  
"My target this year with the club is to improve on last year's sixth placing."  
He has signed a few new names, such as former Sutherland and St George stalwart Nigel Groome, and another Shark, Paul Dart, in goal.  
He's also providing a platform for some returns.  
Terry Jones missed the whole of 1985 with a cruciate ligament injury, while it was a car accident that put former Marconi man Paul Degney on the sidelines.  
Both will play in Rockdale's colors this year, as will Phil Mikas — an Abonyi favorite, who has followed his mentor from Melita and Riverwood.  
Mikas spent '85 on an extended world trek, and Abonyi is hoping that the break from the game — like his own break — will have renewed his enthusiasm for the game.  
Abonyi's infectious optimism is certain to be a vital asset in Rockdale's campaign.  
It certainly would be just as valuable in the international scene.

# ARMIT VES WITH BELL; PEARSE TO GERMANY

Finding as replacement for Australian Under 21 Player of the Year Alan Hunter may not be as easy as Brisbane Lions officials had thought.

Lions sold Hunter to Heidelberg for \$16,000 and are looking towards last year's reserve team (Premier League) stopper Norm Bell as a replacement. But will the step up A grade be too soon for Bell?

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Bell, 24, has been at Lions only 12 months after coming to Richlands from Acacia Ridge, the same club that produced Hunter.

The likeable Castlemaine Perkins employee was for many years a fullback but was switched to stopper last season. Bell shows all the power and dominance in the air that was a strength of Hunter's game, but is at this stage lacking that aggression which made "Billy Butcher" such a ruthless stopper.

"Norm has been a little hesitant at training, but I think this is only because he is playing against his team-mates. Norm knows he will be given first chance at Alan's old spot and it will be up to him to make every post a winner," Lions coach Gordon Armstrong said.

Waiting in the wings for his chance at the NSL stopper position is towering Townsville signing Bill Armit. A former State League player, he is bigger and stronger than Hunter and has displayed a mean streak, often so necessary for a successful stopper.

But like Bell, he is slower on the turn than Hunter and lacks the skill and touches that big Al loved to display.  
At this stage, Lions are not panicking — but are understood to have paid someone of the Heidelberg money just in case they have to strengthen the defence.  
Meanwhile, Soccercoo Davu Mitchell is not the only Aus-

By RICKY ROSSO

name for himself in West German football.

The brilliant 17-year-old Brisbane fullback, Cameron Pearse, has turned down lucrative approaches from Queensland's two NSL clubs to accept a trial with well-supported Bundesliga club FC Cologne.

Pearse was spotted by the club's youth coach, Roland Koch, while on the Queensland-organised Luft Hansa-Thies soccer tour to Hennes Sportliche, near Bonn, last October.

Although a rightback with Premier League top four side, North Star, Pearse impressed Koch when he scored five goals in as many games while playing striker on tour.

Pearse had not played up front since his junior days at the Gap.

"I will play anyway at Cologne if I am given the chance, but although they think I am a striker, hopefully, I will get a run at fullback because that's where I prefer to play," Pearse said.

Another Queenslanders who went on the tour, Stephen Benyon, also was offered a trial at

because of study commitments.

Cologne's commitment to Pearse certainly is not a half-hearted measure, as so often is the case when youngsters head to Britain to trial with clubs.

The West German club has undertaken to give Pearse board, a monthly living allowance and German language tuition.

As German law prevents him from being offered a full apprenticeship until he turns 18, the perfect trial situation exists.

Pearse will turn 18 mid-year, which will be the conclusion of the German season. By then he would have had at least three full months training and playing with the FC Cologne youth side.

The Cologne trial is a welcome and deserved breakthrough for the Luft Hansa-Thies tours which have battled for four years to become established, but in that time some fine players have benefited from the experience and gone on to bigger things.

They include Damien Butler, who played for Australia in the under 16 World Championships last year; David Hunter, an NSL regular with Lions who captained the Australian schoolboys team to Britain this year; and Glenn Archer, now an NSL regular at Brisbane City who played for Brisbane last season.

Another tour to Hennes is being planned for this October. For further details telephone



● Attila Abonyi (left) with APFA coach



# PEOPLE!

**NSL clubs dominate the 1986 NSW Ampol Cup and after this weekend's matches, should fill most quarter-final berths.**

However St George, NSL champion in 1983, is struggling. Its imports are far from fit and its defence shaky without David Ratcliffe and Mike O'Shea.

In Group A, Hakoah looks a good bet to finish in top spot despite dropping a point to Melita Eagles. Fairy Meadow surprised by beating big-spending Blacktown and is settling in for a fierce battle for second spot.

In Group B, Sutherland has been the surprise package. The Sharks took a point from APIA, beat Manly, then slaughtered Freshwater. If Croatia is to qualify for the quarters, it must take both points when it clashes with Sutherland. An outsider for a quarter-final berth is Ku-Ring-Gai.

In Group C, Marconi already has reached the quarter-finals. This fast and entertaining outfit from Fairfield has mauled every foe. Inter Monaro and Canberra are locked in a tussle for second spot.

Sydney Olympic heads Group D, but faces St George and Newcastle in its next two games. Nevertheless, Marshall Soper is in devastating form and Olympic should make the quarters, leaving Saints, Newcastle Rosebud and Polonia to fight out second spot.

Polonia's import from Ruch Chorzow, Piechacek, is expected to arrive from Poland in a few weeks time. Let's look at last weekend's Ampol Cup clashes:

## Sydney Olympic 2 Canterbury 0

At St George Stadium.  
Referee: R. Lorenz.

Scorers: Phillips pen. 16th, Soper 71st.  
**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meyer 7, Lambrakopoulos 6, Stankovic 8, Dakos 7, Burke 6 (Spanodakis 41st, 6) — Phillips 8, Raskopoulos 8, Johnston 8 — Soper 8, Zervas 5, Katsantzis 1 (Haniotis 17th, 6).  
**CANTERBURY:** Munro 8 — Karaspiros 5, Radman 8, Hantzis 8, Kirwan 6 — Antonopoulos 5 (Mio-kovic 41st, 6), Anagnostopoulos 7 (Marjanovic 41st, 6), Malagou 5, Patis 6, Philippou 6.  
Sydney Olympic defeated new NSL member Canterbury Marrickville but not, as most expected, with arrogant ease. It was tough going for almost an hour before Olympic asserted its superiority and through Marshall Soper scored the clincher.

Soper was in devastating form once again and was responsible for both goals. In the 16th minute he broke into Canterbury's penalty area where he challenged by Spiro Hantzis. Referee Lorenz awarded a penalty after Soper fell to the ground and Gary Phillips made no mistake with his spot kick.

Then, with nine minutes left, Soper flashed through on the left to face Chris Hummel before scoring with a fierce left footer.

Soper created at least another three chances for his side with the first coming after 15 minutes. He waltzed past a defender then drew out the goalkeeper before cutting the ball back to Stuart Johnston who was only metres away from the line. But the chance went begging.

Soon after, Soper took a shot but his fierce drive cleared the bar. Midway through the second half Johnston was the recipient of another Soper pass but his effort from four metres was weak, allowing Hummel to twist like a cobra before collecting the ball inches off the line.

An excited Olympic fan collapsed after this incident and had to be rushed to hospital. He later died. Olympic must be pleased with the form of Soper, Dakos, Phillips and Raskopoulos, but there is little fluency in its game. Coach Manfred Schaefer will have to work hard if his side is to challenge for NSL honours in 1986.

Canterbury's best were John Radman, Spiro Hantzis and Hummel, with John Petas a bright spark during the first period.

## St George 2 Uruguay 1

At St George Stadium.  
Referee: A. Owens.

Scorers: Petkovski 10th, Grbevski 45th (SG), Van Helden 66th (U).  
**ST GEORGE:** Gibson 6 — Sloan 6, Ricoy 6, Kocska 6, O'Shea 6 — Orazak (Moffat 62nd), O'Shea 6, Petkovski 6 — Caban 6 (Belusic 41st, 6), Grbevski 6.  
**URUGUAYAN:** Rosano 6 (Tabernabardi 62nd) — Jones 6, Hazlie 7, Kravovic 7, Connolly 5, Langen 5, Gane 5, Cuba 6 (Ridas 42nd) — Van Helden 6, O'Shea 6, O'Shea 6.

If only there was water, lots of clear, cool water....

Standing a few metres from the goal posts during the first half I was able to see better than most the suffering endured by the players.

Intense heat, with temperatures over 30 degrees coupled with humidity, slowed both sides to a crawl. Roy Cotton managed to create a few openings up front and was responsible for Saints' first goal. He beat a defender before nudging the ball past Rosan. It hit the upright and bounced back for Peter Petkovski, who slotted it into the net.

Saints looked to have sealed the match in the 45th after Mich Grbevski strode into the penalty area to shoot past Rosan.

However, John Van Helden pulled one back for Uruguay with 14 minutes remaining and Saints had to battle hard to keep the points.

## Sutherland 1 Manly Warr 0

At Marconi Stadium.  
Referee: P. Wood.

Scorers: Meades 33rd.  
**SUTHERLAND:** Burroughs 7 — Nelson 5, Meades 6, Sellar 5, Terry 5 — Johnstone 5, Parsons 5, Harrington 5, Sellar 5, Huggins 5, Hall 6.  
**MANLY WARRINGAH:** Jones 8 — Dennis 5, Robin 5, Foy (20th) Camarostri 6, S. Dick 7 — Marshall 5, Duffy 5, van Egmond 5 — A. Dean 7, Davidson 5, Edmondson 4 (Edmondson 51st).

This would have to be the worst game of the Ampol Cup to date!

I do not wish to detract from the effort put into the game by both sets of players, for there was enough to last the whole season. But no player was able to control the ball, to direct passes in any purpose.

Some of the tackles in this match were earth-shattering.

Scott Hughes (5th) and Ian Foy (20th) were carried off with bad injuries.

Sutherland won with Steve Meades notching the winner after a long searching ball from defence eluded a Manly fullback.

## Syd. Croatia 2 Freshwater 0

At Croatian Sports Centre.  
Referee: A. Owens.

Scorers: Dragicevic 28th, Arnold 32nd.  
**CROATIA:** Woodhouse 7, M. Kocovic 7, Rozic 7, Kero 7, Rezo 7, Clinch 6, Jurin 8, Savor 6, Ozdakov 7 — Arnold 6, Dragicevic 7.  
**FRESHWATER:** Peterson 8 (71st Bowman) — Orlieas 6, Poulson 6, Parfitt 6 — Friend 5, Mudronja 6, Taylor 5 — Sturges 5, Sandner 5, Rimmer 5.

Croatia cruised to its first Ampol Cup win of 1986 with two first half goals but failed to impress against one of the weakest sides in State League.



## NSW AMPOL CUP

### This week's matches:

**FRIDAY**  
At St George Stadium, 7pm: St George Budapest v Polonia, 8.30pm Newcastle Rosebud v Sydney Olympic.  
At Marconi Stadium, 7pm: Canterbury-Marrickville v Uruguay, 8.30pm Avala v Rockdale Ilinden.

**SATURDAY**  
At Croatian Sports Centre, 7pm: APIA v Freshwater, 8.30pm Sydney Croatia v Sutherland Shire.  
At Marconi Stadium, 7pm: Inter Monaro v Penrith, 8.30pm Marconi v Canberra Olympians.

**SUNDAY**  
At Melita Stadium, 3.30pm: Kuringai v Manly, 5pm Melita Eagles v Fairy Meadow.  
At Barkly Sports Ground, 3.30pm: Blacktown v Wollongong Macedonia, 5pm Sydney City Hakoah v Wollongong City.

**GROUP A**  
Results:  
Wollongong City v Fairy Meadow 0-0; Woll. Macedonia 1-0; Blacktown City v Melita Eagles 1-0; Blacktown City v Fairy Meadow 1-2; Melita Eagles v Woll. Macedonia 0-0; Melita Eagles v Hakoah 0-0; Wollongong City v Woll. Macedonia 4-1.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Woll. City	1	1	0	4	1	3
Hakoah	1	1	0	3	1	3
Fairy M.	1	1	0	2	1	3
Blacktown	1	0	1	2	2	2
Melita	0	2	1	0	1	2
Woll. Mak	0	1	2	2	3	1

**GROUP B**  
Results:  
Croatia v Freshwater 2-0; APIA v Sutherland 1-1; APIA v Kuringai 2-0; APIA v Manly 2-0; Sutherland v Manly 1-0; Sutherland v Freshwater 6-0; Croatia v Kuringai 0-0.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	2	1	0	8	1	5
APIA	2	1	0	5	1	5
Sutherland	1	1	0	2	0	3
Ku-Ring-Gai	0	1	1	0	2	1
Manly	0	0	2	0	3	0
Freshwater	0	0	2	0	8	0

**GROUP C**  
Results:  
Marconi v Penrith 2-0; Inter Monaro v Avala 4-0; Marconi v Rockdale Ilinden 3-1; Canberra v Rockdale Ilinden 1-1; Avala v Penrith 2-0; Marconi v Avala 4-0; Canberra v Penrith 2-1; Inter Monaro v Rockdale Ilinden 4-1.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	3	0	0	9	1	6
Inter Monaro	2	0	0	8	1	4
Canberra	1	1	0	3	2	3
Avala	1	0	2	2	8	2
Rockdale II.	0	1	2	3	8	0
Penrith	0	0	3	1	6	0

**GROUP D**  
Results:  
Sydney Olympic v Uruguayan 3-1; Polonia v Canterbury 2-0; Sydney Olympic v Polonia 3-3; St George v Canterbury 0-1; Newcastle R v St George 2-2; Newcastle R v Polonia 3-1; St George v Uruguayan 2-1; Sydney Olympic v Canterbury 2-0.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic	2	1	0	8	4	5
Newcastle R.	1	0	5	3	3	3
Polonia	1	1	1	6	3	3
St George	1	1	1	4	3	3
Canterbury	1	0	2	1	4	2
Uruguayan	0	0	2	5	0	0

## Marconi 2 Penrith 0

At Marconi Stadium.  
Referee: T. Seary.

Scorers: Driene 57th, Cross o.g. 68th.  
Marconi was favoured to win this encounter easily but the Fairfield outfit failed to impress during the first period. Despite its territorial advantage, Marconi showed very little penetration allowing Penrith's Hayes to dominate proceedings inside his own penalty box.

Les Scheinflug was furious with his side. At half time he blasted his players for being too slow. Marconi responded by attacking with more zest and went ahead in the 57th through Martin Driene. Then came the best goal of the game with Mickey Cross, the Penrith captain, slotting a fine header past his own keeper to make it 2-0.

## Inter Monaro 4 Avala 0

At Marconi Stadium.  
Referee: T. Seary.

Scorers: Giampaolo 28th, 53rd, Walsh 73rd, C. Ambrosino 74th.  
**INTER MONARO:** Antonopoulos 7 (41st Pinto) — Walsh 7, Budini 8, Titlas 8, Williams 8, Djordjevi 7, C. Ambrosino 7, A. Ambrosino 7 (Francis 56th) — Rusch 5 (Dachs 52nd), Giampaolo 5, Trajanovski 8.  
**AVALA:** Curic 5 — Jordan 5, Anderson 6, Kocovic 5, Pratt 5 — Atagic 6, Kodor 6, Divani 5, Cootes 6 — Price 4, Brunetta 5 (Radenkovic 52nd).  
Baz Giampaolo tore Avala to shreds at Marconi Stadium to pave the way for Inter Monaro's effortless win.

He was too quick in the 28th, running away from Avala's defence to beat Curic with ease and open the scoring.

Five minutes after the restart, he showed, yet again, the skills which make him Inter Monaro's star player. Djordjevi's cross from the left came low and hard across the area. Giampaolo latched onto it by trapping it with his right foot and almost in one movement hit it with his left, leaving Avala's keeper stranded.

Then with some 17 minutes left for play Walsh was on hand to receive an ideal pass from Giampaolo to score.

A minute later, Carlos Ambrosino eluded Avala's defence to score.

## Avala 2 Penrith 0

At Marconi Stadium.  
Referee: R. Lorenz.

Scorers: Lembrky 50th, Price 51st.  
**AVALA:** Thurlow 7 — Jordan 5, Anderson 7, Atagic 7, Divani 7 — Lembrky 7, Brunetta 5, Kodor 6, Cootes 7 — Price 6, Jeffery 6 (Nedic 41st, 6).  
**PENRITH:** Hayes 6 — Montgomery 5, Brogan 7, Kerrigan 7, Cross 5 — K. Thompson 7, Quigley 6 (Toohy 65th), S. Thompson 6 — Easthorpe 5 (Shute 36th, 6), Jones 5, Hunter 6.

Much improved Avala disposed of Penrith with two fine second half goals.

The return of Stuart Thurlow, John Lembrky and Glen Jeffery was the tonic Avala needed to wipe out

ous week. Lembrky scored the first goal which gave Avala the edge.

Cootes, Price and Anderson worked hard with Thurlow adding much needed strength at the back.

Price added to Avala's tally with nine minutes left but will have to be more assertive if he is to score many goals this year.

Penrith looked sluggish with Ken Thompson and the late replacement for Quigley — Toohy — showing little initiative.

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Despite this narrow win over Manly, APIA is the strongest side in this group and looks certain to take first spot.

"B-B-B" is how coach Rale Rasic describes his new team.

Rasic hopes that Bergogna, Bundalo and Butler will lift APIA into the top four in 1986.

Against Manly, Alex Bundalo was in fine form scoring an early goal to give his side the edge. Robbie Stuart made a mess of his clearance after three minutes laying the ball on for Bundalo who hit a first shot from 18 metres and a small deflection took the ball well wide of Jones.

With 23 minutes gone in the second period, Arno Bertogna rose high to nod in a cross from Terry Butler.

Zivko Hristovski was another fine APIA player with his left foot almost doing the damage. His three shots came close to beating Jones, with two whistling past the woodwork and one, a free kick from 25 metres, hitting the crossbar.

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● Marconi striker David Lowe.

header from a fine cross by Carlos Ambrosino in the 60th sealed the issue.

Hinden has now kissed goodbye to its chances in the Ampol Cup, while Inter Monaro looks a safe bet to enter the quarter-finals.

## Canberra 2 Penrith 1

At Marconi Stadium.  
Referee: P. Spiers.

Scorers: Lamond 6th, Fernandez 51st, Easthorpe 68th.  
**CANBERRA CITY:** Economopoulos 7 — Farrell 7, Mihalidis 7, Burke 7, Maxis 6 — Harkins 6, Kulcar 5 (Robertson 61st), Sermani 6 — Fernandez 6, Seale 5, Lamond 8.

**PENRITH CITY:** Hayes 7 — Montgomery 5, Brogan 7, Kerrigan 6, Cross 5 — K. Thompson 6, S. Thompson 5 (Sullivan 52nd), Toohy 8 — Shute 7, Jones 5 (Easthorpe 58th), Hunter 6.

Canberra looked to be coasting for almost an hour against an out-of-touch Penrith. Then Penrith coach Vic Dalglish decided to replace Easthorpe with Jones and fortunes suddenly changed.

Light-footed Easthorpe started to Penetrate and was soon on the end of a fine cross by Toohy to score with 12 minutes left.

Almost on the stroke of fulltime, Penrith had a corner which was headed by Toohy to the far post towards two Penrith players. Neither managed to move forward and stab the ball home as it rolled past the post. But had Penrith scored, the result would have flattened it. Canberra was always the better team and with Manly Lamond in fine form always the more dangerous side.

Micky Cross started the downturn with his clearance which turned out to be a perfect pass to Fernandez, who found Seale, and the ball was crossed to the far post where Lamond, unmarked, scored.

Fernandez should have added another in the 45th when faced with Hayes but shot straight at the keeper. However, a few minutes later and Fernandez made no mistake.

## Marconi 4 Avala 0

At Marconi Stadium.  
Referee: Manny Loupis 9.

Scorers: Treddinick 11th, Licata 13th, Sterry 19th, Lowe 50th.  
**MARCONI:** James 7 — Carter 7, Henderson 8, Wheatley 7, Rizzotto 7 — Mason 6, Sterry 6, Treddinick 7 — Driene 6 (Carmona 65th), Lowe 8, Licata 6.

**AVALA:** Thurlow 7 — Jordan 7, Anderson 7, Atagic 6 (Kosovic), Divani 6 — Cootes 7, Radenkovic 5, Vrankovic 5, Kodor 5 — Jeffery 5, Price 5 (Pratt 50th).

Marconi lashed out at Avala in the first half scoring three goals, then slipped into low gear to cruise home effortlessly.

Avala had no answer to Marconi's first half blitz. David Lowe, looking extremely fit at this stage of the season, gave his markers a headache and could have had two goals against his name during the first period.



# Squadra finalizzata

Joe Caruso, presidente della Juventus, ha finalmente e meritamente cominciato a sorridere di nuovo dopo almeno tre mesi di grosse preoccupazioni: oltre alle due vittorie riportate dalla squadra su altrettante partite nella Buffalo Gold Cup, nei giorni scorsi Casuso ha praticamente definito i contratti di reingaggio di tutti i giocatori (Zinni incluso) ed ufficialmente perciò, la Juventus 1986 sarà la stessa di quella che ha vinto il titolo nazionale l'anno scorso, con la sola eccezione di Miranda che è passato all'Hellas.

Se le trattative per l'acquisto di Yzendoorn dovessero andare in porto (sembra che ormai l'unica soluzione sia, per vie legali, far il giocatore e l'Hellas) egli ricoprirebbe la posizione di libero scagionato dove per il centrocampista di Miranda in effetti però non c'è che Miranda abbia lasciato un "buco" nella formazione bianconera perché con lui in squadra l'anno scorso Fabio Incantullo (che rientrava dopo una intera stagione di inattività) fu costretto in panchina per la prima parte del campionato, mentre quest'anno (definitivamente recuperato con un travolgente fine stagione) parte come titolare ineccepibile, ed altrettanto ineccepibili sono i suoi colleghi di centrocampo Wade, Petersen e Cullen.

McKendry naturalmente potrebbe provare ad invertire alcuni ruoli, ma gli undici titolari sono definitivamente: Banovic, Peter Ldwis, Dowle, Brown,

# soci cercansi

## VIA ITALIA

with ROCKY DI ZIO

Campbell, Cullen, Wade, Petersen, Incantullo, Zinni, Sweeney. Come rincalzare per ora vi sono il giovane portiere Maramma (che la settimana scorsa ha parato il rigore che avrebbe dato il pareggio al Morwell), Rino Minichello (che in questi giorni dovrebbe ricominciare gli allenamenti), Durakovic, Palatides e qualche altro giovane della "Youth" e della U/18.

Purtroppo sia Tony Grbac (già tesserato con la Juve) che Paul Trimboli (esserato con il Brighton ma deciso a passare in bianconero) hanno deciso di iscriversi all'Istituto dello Sport a Canberra per questa stagione, perciò la Juve ha momentaneamente perso i servizi di due dei più promettenti giovani giocatori d'Australia.

Dopo la partita di allenamento con il Preston ieri sera, la Juventus si appresta ad affrontare il più duro impegno di questa coppa notturna; sabato prossimo si scontrerà con la Croatia che al pari dei bianconeri ha vinto abbastanza bene le due prime partite e che è perciò "la più" seria avversaria per un posto nelle semifinali (il programma per sabato 1 marzo).

Le altre avversarie della Juventus in questa fase eliminatoria del torneo sono South Melbourne Hellas (sabato 15 febbraio) e Green Gully (mercoledì 19 febbraio). Fino ad ora solo Juventus e Croatia sono a punteggio pieno ed hanno quindi posto una seria ipoteca sui due posti in semifinale per il girone A. Nel girone B i George Cross ha collezionato 4 punti da due partite e questa sera dovrebbe incamerarne altre due contro il Box Hill ed assicurarsi così un posto in semifinale; l'altro è in ballottaggio fra Preston e Heidelberg, con il JUST che ha ancora qualche "chance" specialmente se riuscirà a battere il Preston venerdì prossimo.

Quindi tutto procede bene in casa bianconera e il 1986 dovrebbe rivelarsi un'altra grande

annata per i tifosi bianconeri ai quali è bene ricordare che adesso è il momento di fare il proprio dovere verso il club facendosi la tessera di soci e facendola fare agli amici. Le quote sociali per il 1986 sono, come noto, \$250 per "Gold Pass", \$100 per soci, \$50 per abbonati. Per iscriversi basta inviare la relativa somma assieme a nome, cognome ed indirizzo a B.U. Juventus, S.C., 395 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 3056; oppure telefonando al presidente Caruso (ufficio 312 4711), al vicepresidente Dominic Tenuta (363 2213), o a qualsiasi membro del comitato. Inoltre diversi tifosi incaricati raccolgono i soldi del tesseramento durante le partite.

Per quanto riguarda la Lega Nazionale (conclusa la Buffalo Gold Cup con la finale in programma per sabato 8 marzo), la stagione entrerà nella fase più impegnativa con l'inizio della N.S.L. Cup domenica 23 marzo, seguita la settimana dopo dalla prima partita di campionato (sabato 30 marzo e giorno di Pasqua) e la "partitissima" Juventus-Hellas all'Olympic Park.

### Italia-Germania

La partita internazionale Italia-Germania Ovest che si giocherà ad Avellino oggi, mercoledì 5 febbraio (ora italiana) sarà trasmessa in diretta dalla Radio 3EA alle prime ore di domattina (giovedì) ora di Melbourne.

Il programma inizierà questa sera (mercoledì) alle ore 11 con commenti, interviste e previsioni e la trasmissione della partita inizierà alle 12.30, la partita ha ovviamente una grande importanza per la nazionale azzurra come preparazione ai mondiali del prossimo giugno.

Il C.T. Bearzot ha convocato i seguenti giocatori: Altobelli (Inter), Ancelotti (Roma), Bagni (Napoli), Barresi (Inter), Bergomi (Inter), Cabrin (Juventus), Collovati (Inter), Conti (Roma), Galli (Fiorentina),

Nela (Roma), Righttelli (Roma), Serena (Juventus), Tancredi (Roma), Tricella (Verona), Vielli (Sampdoria), Vierchowood (Sampdoria).

### Lega Statale

Da qualche settimana si sono intensificati gli allenamenti anche per la squadra della Lega Statale del Victoria. Oltre al Morwell Falcons (già impegnato nella Buffalo Gold Cup) le altre due italiane, Fawkner e Azzurri, e Thomastown stanno muovendo i primi passi per la stagione 1986.

Al Fawkner è stato riconfermato come allenatore Peter Boyle (che assume la direzione della squadra alla fine dello sfortunato campionato dell'anno scorso), è stato acquistato il portiere Uvini (ex nazionale della Nuova Zelanda) per rimpiazzare Terzini che è andato in Italia; Bruno Cozzella ha ripreso gli allenamenti e per la fine del mese è atteso il ritorno dall'America di Ian Tuffield. Quindi molte riconferme, alcuni importanti ritorni ed un grosso acquisto.

### FRANCE

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Brest	8	7	13	32	45	23											
Strasbourg	5	8	15	23	46	18											
Bastia	5	8	15	23	45	18											

### GREECE

Iraklis 3 Panathinaikos 1, OFI 2 Larissa 0, Panathinaikos 2 Panathinaikos 1, Shokas 1 Aris 1, AEK 1, Olympiakos 2, Vassina 1, Olympiakos 4 Panathinaikos 3.

### SPAIN

Las Palmas 2 Hercules 1, Sevilla 0 Barcelona 0, Athletic Bilbao 2 Cadix 0, Osasuna 2 Real Valladolid 1, Athletic Madrid 0, Real Madrid 1, Real Zaragoza 6, Celtic 0, Espanol 2, Real Sociedad 2, Valencia 0 Real Betis 2.

### HOLLAND

Sparta Rotterdam 3 Excelsior Rotterdam 1, Ajax Amsterdam 8 AZ'67 Alkmaar 2, Den Bosch 1 Groningen 0, Haarlem 6 VVV Venlo 0, Utrecht 0 Heracles Almelo 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, Reda JC Kerkrade 0, NEC Nijmegen 0, GA Eagles Deventer 3.

### Belgium

PSV Eindhoven 1, 1 62 11 35, Ajax Amsterdam 15 0 4 78 21 30, Feyenoord R'dam 14 2 4 47 26 30, Den Bosch 8 6 5 33 19 24, Roda JC Kerkrade 3 7 46 31 23.

### TURKEY

Fenerbahce 0 Malatyaspor 0, Galatasaray 5 Altay 1, Eskişehirspor 1 Sarıyer 1, Trabzonspor 1, Ankaragücü 0, Gençlerbirliği 2, Kayserispor 1, Sakaryaspor 3, Keleşspor 3, Rizespor 0, Samsunspor 0, Zonguldakspor 1, Bursaspor 0, Orduspor 2 Denizlispor 1.

### WEST GERMANY

Hannover 0 Bayern Munich 5, Hamburg 0 Werder Bremen 1, Nürnberg 0 Borussia Dortmund 0, Fortuna Düsseldorf 0, Kaiserslautern 0, Waldhof Mannheim 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Bayer Uerdingen 3, Bochum 2, Schalke 1, Stuttgart 2, Saarbrücken 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1.

# KEEGAN RETURNS

The legendary Kevin Keegan (pictured) returns to Australia in May to make two guest appearances with Blacktown in the NSL.

He will play against Inter Monaro on May 11 and St George on May 18.

Keegan made guest appearances with Blacktown last season and was spectacularly successful. When Blacktown, with Keegan, played Sydney Croatia at Marconi Stadium, the gates had to be locked an hour before the kick off. Over 14,000 fans were at the match and a further 3,000 were turned away.

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# ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



by  
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Milios

ΜΠΑΛΑΟ ΚΑΠ 1986

Αρκετά ενδιαφέρον παρουσιάζουν οι αγώνες του Κυπέλλου Μπάφαλο που γίνονται στο ΟΑΕ μετρί πλάτος.

Έκτος φυσικά από το ενδιαφέρον έχουμε κι αρκετές εκπλήξεις, όπως αυτή του περασμένου Σαββάτου όπου η Έλλάς ντροπιάστηκε από έναν θαυμασμό Πανελλήνιο και βγήκε με σα από τόν άγνωστο χέρο ήττημένη.

Μπορεί ο προπονητής της Έλλάς να μήνιζε σε σκέψεις αλλά ας μή ξεχνάμε ότι η δημιουργία του ποδοσφαίρου είναι αυτή.

Η μάλλον είναι στοργική και γυρίζει κι όταν μέλιστα οι παίκτες της μιας ομάδας δεν παίζουν σωστά, τότε μοιραία έρχεται η ήττα.

Άρα το περασμένο Σάββατο δεν μπορούμε να το πούμε εκπλήξη. Γιατί για όσους ήταν μέσα στο Όλυμπικ Πάρκ, το είδαν σαν ένα φυσιολογικό άποτέλεσμα.

Ο Πανελλήνιος έφτασε κι άλλες φορές κοντά στην έκπληξη, ενώ η Ελλάς σπάνια πλησίασε την έστια του ύπεροχου Νίκου Αποστολή άπειλητικά.

Μπράβο Πανελλήνιε... Μπράβο Τζιμ Κουόβελ με την ομάδα σου.

ΤΖΑΕΤ - ΜΕΤΑ ΤΑ ΜΟΡΑΕΣΤΙΚΑΝ ΟΑΕ

Αν και προηγήθηκε η Τζάστ 2-0 στο Α' μέρος και φαινόταν ότι είχε εξασφαλισμένη τη νίκη, η παζαρία του Γκάρι, στην έκπληξη πήρε το παιχνίδι έπάνω της και τα πέρας να κάνει το σκορ 2-2 που ήταν και το τελικό.

Τό ότι οι μικροί του Γκάρι ήταν μαχητικοί και πεσμασμένοι στο Β' μέρος, δείχνει καθαρά ότι ο Άλξανδρος με την πάροδο του χρόνου θα δημιουργήσει το "κάτι άλλο".

Ανάμεσα στις ομάδες του Ν/Ε της Μελοβόρνης.

Είγωνα οι φίλοι του να πρέπει να έμειναν έστω και με την ύσπαλτα ύκωνοστη μόνει. Άλλωστε η Τζάστ δεν είναι ομάδα του Στέη Αήκ.

ΕΝΑΣ ΠΡΩΤΟΣ ΑΣΙΟΣ ΗΥΕΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΣ...

Πρόσφατα στο Σόδενυ συνάντησα τόν πρώην

πετυχημένο πρόεδρο του Σόδενυ Όλμπικ Τζιμ Πετινέλη.

Μέ ένα τέτοιο άνθρωπο έχεις να συζητήσεις μπάλινκα. Κάτι όμως που ήθελα από καιρό να τόν ρωτήσω ήταν σχετικά με τόν έμει Τπό από τόν έπολο δ Πετινέλη περίσσότερο σαιμπατζ είδε κατά βοήθεια.

Μά τί μού είπε για τό θέμα αυτό: - Από τόν καιρό που πήρα τό Όλμπικ στέ χέρια μου βρέθηκαν κίτι αυταρχικοί καλοθελητές απ' αυτούς που τούς βοήθησε η τέχη να έχουν μία έφημερίδα και μού είπαν: "Πετινέλη κίτι κίτι από τόν θά σου λέμε και θά είσαι 10 χρόνια πρόεδρος..."

Ήδη από έχω τό Όλμπικ για θρησκεία έβαλα σκοπό μή τό πρόδωσω, ούτε να κίτιν προβήλ στέν έαυτό μου. Προτίμησα να μέ σαιμπατόρουν αλλά να κερδίσω τόν κόσμο μου τά μου. Σ' αυτόν πίστωση και σ' αυτόν πιστώ... στέν κόσμο. Και τελικά κέρδισα. Έστω και με έντελεις συνθήκες κίτι κίτι να φέρω στέν σύλλογο τρία κίτι κίτι και να έχει ένα όνομα σήμερα που να τό άκονε οι άντιπαλοί και να τό ύπολογίζουν.

ΧΡΗΣΤΟΣ ΚΑΡΑΟΣ: ΔΥΟ ΑΟΓΙΑ ΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΗΥΕΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΑΝΟΑΕΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΩΤΩΝ ΧΙΑ

Προσεγμένους και πεπεισμένους είναι δ νέος πρόεδρος του Κίλιτον Χιλ Χρήστος Κάρλος δ όποιος μαζί με τούς διαλεχτούς συνεργάτες του φέτος θα προσπαθήσει για τήν καλή πορεία του συλλόγου.

Τό Κίλιτον Χιλ φέτος θα παίζει στέν Γ' κατηγορία του Βικτάριαν Αήκ η όποία είναι άρετά ισχυρή.

Φυσικά είναι κίτι που όλοι μαζί με τόν προπονητή τό ύπολογίζουν.

Ας όοιμε όμως τί λέει δ ήγέτης του συλλόγου: - Πρώτη μας φροντίδα είναι να κίτιν σήμερα όλα τά παιδιά μας και περισσότερο τούς μικρούς που άνέβασε δ προπονητής μας από πέρουι στέν τακτική ομάδα.

Παράλληλα θα κίτι κίτι να κίτι κίτι τις άπείλες έπλοδής της όθου του άνδρίστου με ταπεινότητα στέν Έλλάς και αήτην του θέμου που θα φέρει για τήν Έλλάδα.

Όπως μάς είπε δ τεχνικός μας της όθου του άνδρίστου θα τήν κίτι κίτι με τόν Τζιμ

Στρατήκη, όπότε κίτι κίτι για ένα κίτι κίτι και ένα όνομα κίτι κίτι.

Πιστεύουμε ότι μέχρι να άρχισει τό πρώτο έπλοδα θα έχουμε μόνταρει μία ισχυρή ομάδα. Δέν έχω μάθει να λέω μεγάλα λόγια για πρωταθλήματα και άλλα. Σκοπός μας είναι να έχουμε μία σταθερή πορεία και ένα όνομα κίτι κίτι με παίκτες που θα διακρίνουν πάνω απ' όλα στέν ήθος.

Από τούς σαιμπατζ μου είμαι άπόλυτα ύκωνοστημένος και δ καδ' ένας στέν πόστο του εργάζεται θετικά.

ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΠΑΡΑΤΙΑ

Κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη προπονείται η Δόξα Γιάπαρβιλ στέν γηπέδ της και άρα 6.30 μ.μ. Παρακαλούνται όέ όλοι οι παίκτες να έμουν τόν παρόν.

Οι προπονήσεις τών τζούνιόρ άρχίζουν στίς 12 Φλεβάρη (Τετάρτη) και άρα 6.30.

Έπίσης κίτι κίτι προπονήσεις για τίς ομάδες τών τζούνιόρ. Πληροφορίες στέν πρόεδρο Τζιμ Αμανατίδη στέν 68 2068.

Σχετικά με τήν Γ' κατηγορία δ ήγέτης του κίτι κίτι κίτι Τζιμ Αμανατίδης μάς είπε: - Δέν νομίζω να είναι όσο κίτι κίτι κίτι αλλά κίτι κίτι και η κατήληη προσηχ.

Πέρουι έμεις κίτι κίτι όλα τά ντέρμπυ και κίτι κίτι κίτι κίτι κίτι κίτι.

Ήταν βασικά σφάλματα που τά κίτι κίτι. Έπίσης φέτος να μή τά έπαναλάβουμε αν θέλουμε τήν διακρίση μας.

ΕΥΧΕΚΙΣΕΤΑΙ ΤΟ ΜΠΑΛΑΟ ΚΑΠ

Σήμερα συνεχίζονται οι αγώνες του Μπάφαλο. Κάπ με τίς έξής συναντήσεις:

ΜΟΡΦΟΥΣΑ ΦΑΛΑΧΟΣ - ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ 7.15 μ.μ.

ΤΖ.ΚΡΟΣ - ΜΙΚΕ ΧΙΑ

Τήν Παρασκευή 7/2 παίζουν:

ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΓΚΡΗΝ ΓΚΑΛΑΥ 7.15 μ.μ.

ΠΡΕΣΤΟΝ - ΤΖΑΕΤ

Τό Σάββατο 8/2 άγωνίζονται:

## SEKULARAC DOLAZI SA SAKASNJENJEM

Novi trener JUST-a legendarni jugoslovenski fudbaler Dragoslav Sekularac treba da stigne ovog meseca u Melbourne. To moze biti danas, ako bude mesta u JAT-onom avionu. Istog dana treba da se vrati i drugi predodredeni JUST-a, a verovatno i tri novopristisana igraca.

To nam je rekao predsednik "plavii" Toni Amos, koji je par dana ranije obavestio da su dobijene vize za njihov dolazak u Australiju. Ujedno smo doznali da su se JUST i Makedonija dogovorili koliko kosta transfer Jube Petrovskog. Opete je jedino da Ljube Petrovski kaze koliko trazi od JUST-a, a on vec zna JUST-ove magucnosti.

## "PLAVI" U NOCNUM KUPU

U nocnom Buffalo Kupu najvise uspeha zale su ekipe Juventusa, Melbourne Croatia i George Crossa, jer su zasluzeno osvojili svih 4 boda u dva odigrana kola. Makedonija je takođe uspesna ekipa sa tri osvojena boda, dok je Hellas privedom najvece razocarenje najvicima i novom treneru Margaristisu.

JUST se izvukao u drugom kolu posto jeuprvom pobedio. Borna tacno je jos uvek onaj koji je najvno odgrala utakmicu protiv tradicionalno neugodnog Heidelberg Aleksandra.

Privremeni trener Zdravko Lujic napravio je dva eksperimenta sa mladima i sa malo vise sportske grece mogao je da osvoji tri boda. U susretu sa George Crossom izneverio ga je mladi golman Mark Turudija, koji je svojim postupkom kaznio sebe i ceo tim. Kada je ostao bez jednog igraca pojaca je odbranu. To isto je uradio i sa Aleksandrom kada je povredjen mladi Sasa Brkic. Saboravija se da jedan vise igrac u svojoj odbrani zmci jedan vise napadac u protivnickoj nnavi. Zbog toga je JUST umesto tri osvojio jedan bod.

Protivu Aleksandra JUST je imao dvne prilike da osigura pobedu, ali preciznost navalnih igraca je vrlo mala u odnosu na mnoge timove u Nocnom takmicenju. Oscar Latif i Vlatko Belic imali su nekoliko sansi, koje se tesko promasaju. Obolju tuce Bill Lazopoulos,

## JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

kome sigurno nije jasno kaze je mogao sa tri metra da promasi skoro prazu mrezu.

Mladi Goran Nedeljkovski uspeno je debitovao u prvom timu, jer je postigao majstorski gol, sto ce ga obraditi za nove podvige, pod uslovom da bude disciplinovan.

Pored Nedeljkovskog imaju dobre uslove da se razviju u solidne igrace Oblak, Djurdjevic, braca Barjakovic, Brkic i par drugih, da ne ubrajamo golmane Vujanica i Turudiju.

Makedonija takođe forsira mlade igrace iz svojih redova, koji su potvrdili zrelost u nekoliko navrata. U derbi susretu, izmedju Makedonije i JUST-a, glavnu rec i ulogu igra mladi igraci. Susret pocinje u 8.45 uvece na Olympic Parku, u petak 7. februara. U predgiri se sastaju Hellas i Green Gully.

Derbi treceg kola igra se u subotu uvece 8. februara izmedju dva od sad nauspesnija tima Juventusa i Melbourne Croatia.

Veceras George Cross ima sansu da bude prvi tim koji je osvojio svih sest bodova, jer igra protiv neiskusnog Box Hilla, koja ne treba sasvim podceniti.

## KISA GOLOVA NA COMO PARKU

Prijateljski susret izmedju Central City/Crvene zvezde i "Plavii" iz Springvala savrsio se nereseeno 5:5, posto su "plavi" vodili sa 4:2 i 5:3.

Paklena vrucina je uticala na igru oba tima, kojima je ovo prvi nastup u ovoj godini.

Crvena zvezda je dobila novog menadzera Slavka Vistica, koji ce takode igrati za prvi tim. Svi igraci koji zele da pristupe Zvezdi u Melbourne, mogu da urade

ako dodu na trening ponedeljkom i sredom posle 7 sati uvece ili pozovu Slavka Vistica na tel 547 1467.

Protivu "Plavii" iz Springvala Zvezda je izvela sledeci sastav: Nikola Popovic, Ivica Karic, Zoran Roksaudic, Bora Belokozovski, Zoran Krnic, Miodrag Velickovic, Bora Andjelkovic, Dragan Milenkovic, Stevica Mecavin, Sasa Milenkovic, Dejan Obradovic. Pored njih igrati su jos i ovi igraci: Petar Krnic, Goran Simic, Bojan Simic, Dejan Velickovic, Petar Pervaz, Bogomir Stibilj i Zejko Vuckovic.

Sastav "Plavii" iz Springvale (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo): Zoran Mandic (Nenad Rankic), Mica Jankovic, Milenko Culbrk, Ljilja Kerezovic, Stevan Janjic, Dragan Janjic, Dany Taray, Goran Veljovic, Dragoslav Jelcic, Zahid Tepic, Nebosja Dragojevic. Igrali su jos sledeci igraci: Johnny Makridis, Ljubinko Veljovic, Rade Golic i Mile Okovic.

Strelci: Dejan Velickovic 2, Stevica Mecavin, Dejan Obradovic i Sasa Milenkovic za Zvezdu, Dragoslav Jelcic 2, Dany Taray, Goran Veljovic i Mile Okovic.

Obo Klubu sa tek u pocetku priprema pa je tesko reo bilo sta konkretno. Pak, "Plavi" iz Springvala za svoj rang takmicenja moraju imati jaci tim, ali sigurno je da nisu prole subote bili sasvim kompletni.

Zvezda mora da potrazi nekoliko boljih igraca ako zeli da se sa uspehom bori za vrh tabelle sa "Mladost", Pelisterom i par drugih klubova, mozda i sa Wandincom.

Koliko je Wantirna jaka videce se u subotu 8. februara na Como Parku, kada igra sa Zvezdom prijateljski utakmicu, koja pocinje u 3 po podne.

Williamstown/MLADOST je angazovala Milosa Adamovica za trenera, koji je poceo sa sistematskim priprema 14. januara.

## Irakliis wants Tasios

From page one

was the better part of valor. "United was leading 1-0 and then Moiby of Liverpool ran almost the length of the field and scored. I got up and cheered, but with all the United supporters behind me, I quickly sat down again," he says.

The supporters of the away team are now required to stay in the ground for about half an hour, while the home supporters leave. It is a measure designed to avoid fighting.

Tasios reckons he had at least something to do with United's 1-1 draw with Watford.

"Alan Brazil was warming up in the tunnel, waiting to come on as a sub," he recalls. "I encouraged him, saying: 'Don't worry, you'll be OK. Don't be nervous. You'll score."

"Imagine it, here's me, a young nobody from Australia, encouraging Alan Brazil. Well, it worked. Two minutes after coming on, he scored a goal to put United one up, but Watford scored later, to make it 1-1. There was talk at the time that Brazil was leaving soon - probably to join Sunderland. There was also talk that Mark Hughes would be going to Barcelona."

Tasios spoke to Gordon Strachan the day after Scotland's 2-0 victory over Australia in Glasgow. Strachan disagreed with the

opinion that their tackles were no worse than clumsy, because the players weren't used to the fast pace of the game.

"I watched the return game in Melbourne, live in Leicester, and I thought we should have won. They all liked Ken Murphy at that game, and Jimmy Patikas, too," Tasios said.

Crowds are down in England. "Although United still has its 40,000 gates, Leicester is averaging about 8000, and clubs like Birmingham, Ipswich and West Brom are well below the 8000 mark," Tasios says.

Admission charges are between \$5 and \$8, while in Melbourne it's \$6 for the Buffalo Cup!

Crowds in Greece, meanwhile, are among the highest in Europe - comparisons with Italy and Spain.

"I saw Jim Patikas on TV a few times," Tasios says. "In his third game for AEK, against PAOK, he was named AEK's best player, and he's getting a lot of publicity."

"However, Peter Katholios isn't doing well with Larissa. He isn't even on the bench at the moment."

"Panathinaikos has bought all the top players, and you get the impression they could beat anyone by 10 goals if they really tried, but they tend to slacken off when they get ahead, and just muck around. But they could win the Greek champi-



## Scott still is on the outer

Scott Patterson, 23, transfer-listed by Heidelberg-Alexander, is keen to join another club.

So too is midfielder Mike Valentine, his former Box Hill teammate who also is on the outer at Heidelberg.

Both have had run-ins with Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey. Their \$15,000 transfer fees should be seen, realistically, as a starting point for bargaining. Obviously, that price will come down.

"It's a ridiculous price but I'm sure Heidelberg will make a deal, otherwise, I'll have to go to the appeals board about it," Patterson said this week.

"I'm keen to get a new club because I want to get back into action and prove myself."

Heidelberg bought Patterson from Box Hill for \$5000, after he had represented Victoria against Watford in 1982.

Playing mainly on the left flank, Patterson has scored 12 NSL and two National Cup goals for Heidelberg. Valentine has scored 12 NSL goals and four in the National Cup.

Patterson can be contacted on (03) 820 7708 (home) or (03) 872





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**MORWELL FALCONS vs WESTERN SUBURBS**  
at 7.15pm

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS vs BOX HILL**  
at 8.40pm



DAVID  
AZZOPARDI



DOUG BROWN

**FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY**  
**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS vs GREEN GULLY**  
at 7.15pm

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA vs**  
**FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.** at 8.40pm



SEAN LANE

**SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY**  
**HEIDELBERG UTD ALEXANDER vs**  
**CROYDON CITY**

at 7.15pm  
**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS vs**  
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